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With just three days left for filing of nominations, there is talk of a 'Plan B' among Gandhi family supporters; so far, only Shashi Tharoor and Pawan Bansal have collected nomination forms

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

State of flux: Congress leader Sachin Pilot arriving at his residence in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Amid the political crisis in Rajasthan, the Congress on Tuesday issued show-cause notices to three loyalists of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for "grave indiscipline", and sought a reply within 10 days, but did not seek any action against Mr. Gehlot himself.

This keeps the possibility of Mr. Gehlot's candidature for the party's presidential election open, though there is no official word from him or the Congress on whether he would file his nomination. Only three days remain now for the nomination process to end on September 30.

So far, only Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor and party treasurer Pawan Bansal have collected nomination forms for the October 17 election. Mr. Bansal, however, clarified that he had collected the form for the Chandigarh Pradesh Congress Committee and not for himself.

There is also talk of a "Plan B" among Gandhi family loyalists for the presidential election, with the names of leaders like Digvijaya Singh and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge doing the rounds.

The show-cause notices were issued on the basis of a report – submitted to Congress president Sonia Gandhi by AICC general secretary for Rajasthan Ajay Maken, and Mr. Kharge – that blamed Cabinet Minister Shanti Dhariwal; Minister and Congress Chief Whip in the Assembly Mahesh Joshi; and Dharmendra Rathore, MLA, for Sunday's face-off.

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'Work on mini-Lalbagh will begin soon'

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Despite facing opposition from local residents, farmers, and environmentalists, the State government has decided to go ahead with the plan to develop Jarakabande Kaval deemed forest area in Yelahanka into a park, called the "mini-Lalbagh".

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Let EC decide Shinde's claim on 'real' Shiv Sena: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

In a blow to the Uddhav Thackeray faction, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed the Election Commission (EC) to take a decision on Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's claim that his faction represents the "real" Shiv Sena party.

The Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud rejected the Thackeray camp's plea to stay the EC proceedings under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order of 1968.

> The mere fact that a reference has been made does not stall a constitutional authority like the EC from taking recourse to its powers
> **JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD**
> Supreme Court

Reacting to the order later, in Gandhinagar, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told pressmen that the EC would follow the laid-down process while deciding on the matter. Mr. Thackeray's side argued in the court that the disqualification petitions against the Shinde faction were pending before the Speaker under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution.

'Stay proceedings'

It said the EC proceedings should be stayed till the Bench decides questions of law referred to it, which include whether the dissent of Mr. Shinde's faction, without later forming a new party or merging with another, was a "split" from the original Sena.

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Over 170 PFI activists detained across India

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Simultaneous searches were conducted by police teams at multiple locations in seven States and a Union Territory on Tuesday during the second round of crackdown on the Popular Front of India (PFI). Over 170 people have been either arrested or detained.

The searches were on in Assam, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Delhi and Karnataka.

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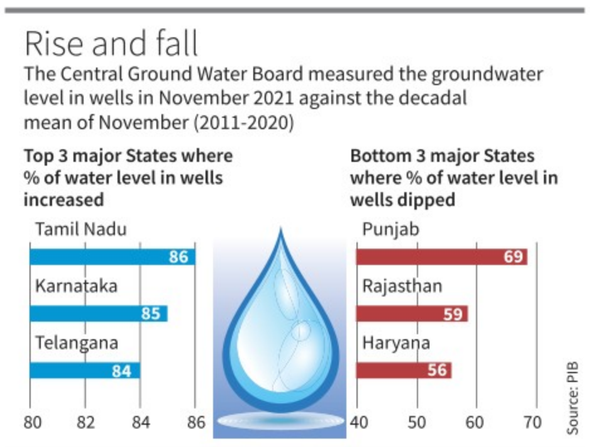
Govt. app to capture data on groundwater levels

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the rapidly declining water table threatening to push many regions into drought, the Union government on Tuesday launched a mobile application – Jaldoot – jointly developed by the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Ministries to monitor the groundwater levels across the country.

The application was launched by Minister of State for Rural Development Faggan Singh Kulaste in the presence of Ministers Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti and Kapil Moreshwar Patil.



The app will be used to capture the water levels of two or three open wells in every village twice a year, from May 1 to 31 during the pre-monsoon time and from October 1 to 31.

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Text&Context

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

ABD gives funding to aid Asia Pacific's food insecurity crisis

14 In $ billion, is the amount the Asian Development Bank (ABD) is allocating to fight the growing food insecurity crisis in the Asia Pacific, suffering from climate change and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which is choking supply lines and causing food prices to soar. The multilateral funding agency is hosting its 55th annual meeting from September 26-30. PTI

Centre sets goal to reduce particulate matter in cities

40 In percentage, the reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026. According to the Union Environment Ministry, 95 of the 131 non-attainment cities covered under the NCAP have witnessed an "overall improvement" in PM10 levels in 2021 as compared to 2017 levels. PTI

Adani Group to invest heavily in their energy transition business

100 In $ billion, is the amount the Adani Group will invest over the next decade. A bulk of this investment will go into the energy transition business, said Chairman Gautam Adani. After founding the group in 1988 as a commodities trading business, the 60-year-old has ventured into multiple sectors such as infrastructure. REUTERS

Floods in Pakistan leave massive trail of destruction

28 In $ billion, is the cost of the damages caused by the floods in Pakistan, according to media reports. Reports also state that it might take two to 10 years for the long-term construction of the areas affected by the unprecedented calamity. According to a Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), Pakistan has seen a 5% upsurge in poverty. PTI

Germany's population soars due to influx of Ukrainian refugees

84 In million, is the number of people who now live in Germany, the highest the population has been, due to a massive influx of Ukrainian refugees, according to the German Federal Statistical Office. By the end of June, the country's population increased by 1%, compared to the end of 2021. In comparison, the population grew by 0.1%, in the entire year of 2021. AP

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The NASA spacecraft-asteroid collision

What is the 'kick' method which was used to deflect an asteroid headed towards earth? How can the technique be further utilised for space mining technologies?

EXPLAINER

T. V. Venkateswaran

The story so far:

On September 27, at 4:44 am IST, the DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) spacecraft collided with the space rock Dimorphos (just 160 metres wide). NASA has confirmed that the collision of the auto-rickshaw sized 600 kilogram weighing DART, on the football stadium-sized Dimorphos, about five billion kilogram in mass (orbiting around the 780 metres wide primary asteroid Didymos), has deflected the trajectory of the pair of space rocks. This kinetic impact technique, which appears as the climax of Hollywood sci-fi movies like *Deep Impact* and *Armageddon*,is also known as the 'kick' method. It could one day save humanity from a potential cataclysmic collision by safely deflecting a killer asteroid on its course towards earth. It could also fuel space mining technologies and unleash the space economy in decades to come.

Behind the scene: This screengrab from the NASA live feed shows Dimorphos just before the DART spacecraft made impact. AFP

What are asteroids?

Around a construction site, bits and pieces of leftover bricks, unused steel rods, and emptied paint canisters are usually strewn. Likewise, leftover materials from the formation of the sun, earth and planets, through the accretion and agglomeration of giant gas and rocks, are scattered as comets, asteroids and meteoroids in the solar system. Some of these cross their path and collide with earth from time to time, resulting in a spectacular meteor shower. Most rocks are so small that they burn up completely in the atmosphere due to frictional heating. If they are large enough, the charred piece falls through as a meteorite. The falling piece from a meteoroid 140 metres wide or more will be capable of completely wiping out a city like Chennai. The impact would be devastating if it was one or more kilometres wide.

Neither the plot nor NASA's Planetary Defense Coordination Office, made famous by the blockbuster Netflix movie *Don't Look Up* is imaginary. About 66 million years ago, an asteroid about 10-15 kms struck earth. The tsunami, volcanic eruptions and thick dust clouds ensuing from the blow decimated dinosaurs and nearly 75% of all species. What happened in the past can occur in the future. The chances of a giant asteroid striking earth are small; however, if it did occur, the devastation would be cataclysmic, wiping out the entire human civilisation. While dinosaurs were mute spectators, humans can prepare themselves to face the imminent threat. NASA tracks and keeps a close watch on the nearly 26,115 asteroids whose orbits are dangerously close to earth.

What was NASA's mission?

NASA, to put it simply, undertook the 'kick' technique. Compared to the massive Dimorphos, DART is a tiny Goliath. Yet crashing at a breakneck speed of 23,760 kilometres per hour, the momentum is adequate to slash the angular momentum of Dimorphos, making it speed up and move closer to Didymos. All of these reduce the orbital period and the time taken for the moonlet to go around the primary asteroid. The pair's trajectory is thus deflected as the net result of these dynamics. Consider it like this: a fast-moving moped slamming into a truck is sure to undergo a massive crash and burn, yet will veer the massive truck a bit. This is the essence of the 'kick' technique.

The extent of the trajectory change depends on the context. Compare throwing a ball against a solid wall and a sand pit. If the Dimorphos were solid, the crashing craft would make a dent on its surface and skim a tiny bit of its angular momentum, reducing the orbital time by about 75 seconds. However, close-up images transmitted by the DART moments before the fatal collision indicate that Dimorphos is more like a pile of rubble loosely held by gravity. If true, the impact will eject a cascade of debris, each piece carrying away a bit of momentum and energy. And as a net result, the asteroid will suffer a considerable loss. It will speed up more, and the orbit will become nearer to Didymos. The orbital period will then reduce by as much as 10 minutes.

What has been the impact assessment?

The DART craft carried a high-resolution DRACO (Didymos Reconnaissance and Asteroid Camera for Optical navigation) camera to observe the collision and its consequences. The close-up images until its fatal crash are being analysed. In addition, like a kangaroo with a baby in its pouch, a tiny toaster-sized Italian Space Agency-built Light Italian CubeSat for Imaging of Asteroids (LICIACube) took a piggyback ride with the DART.

The CubeSat was released and deployed two weeks before the impact. Hovering 50 kilometres from the asteroid, the two cameras aboard the CubeSat have captured the plume of the debris ejected by the collision. At 11 million kilometres, the asteroids appear like a blip of dot even through the best of telescopes. As they waltz around each other, once in 11 hours and 55 minutes, Dimorphos and Didymos line up, eclipsing one another. The total brightness of the pair darkens when Dimorphos passes in front of and behind Didymos.

Astronomers will now spend weeks and months observing the periodic change in the brightness using the telescopes to tease out the altered orbital period. All this data is still in process and will help fine-tune the technology.

What are the other possibilities of this technique?

At the heels of NASA, China is set to deflect a 40m diametre earth-crossing asteroid called 2020 PN1 sometime in 2026. While ostensibly the drive comes from the desire to protect earth from killer asteroids, perhaps the lure of space mining lurks behind. Mining rare earth elements comes with a high environmental cost. In the coming years, the penalty for polluting could make space mining economically viable. If one can tug a mineral-rich asteroid near the Moon or establish a space mining factory between the orbits of earth and Mars, precious mineral resources needed for decades could be easily sourced. The 'kick' technique that deflects asteroids can then be used to move a small asteroid into a convenient position for space mining. Now shelved, NASA's Asteroid Redirect Mission (ARM) aimed at precisely this by bringing a 20-tonne space rock near earth to study and mine. In a way, the DART mission is also part of this frame.

For developing green energy technologies – electric vehicles, solar panels, wind turbines, and energy storage devices – and ushering in the low carbon economy of the future, rare earth elements such as yttrium, niobium, rhodium, palladium, osmium, iridium and scandium are critical. They are short in supply, and asteroid mining, it is believed, could solve the rare earth supply problem.

From the robotic Soviet Luna 16 in the 1970s to U.S. Apollo missions and China's first lunar sample-return mission, Chang'e 5 – all have brought back lunar soil. NASA's Stardust spacecraft returned a canister full of dust from comet Wild-2 captured by an aerogel-based sample collector in 2004. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)'s Hayabusa 1 to 25143 Itokawa, the Hayabusa 2 to 162173 Ryugu, and NASA's OSIRIS-Rex to near-earth asteroid Bennu are missions to extract and return samples from asteroids.

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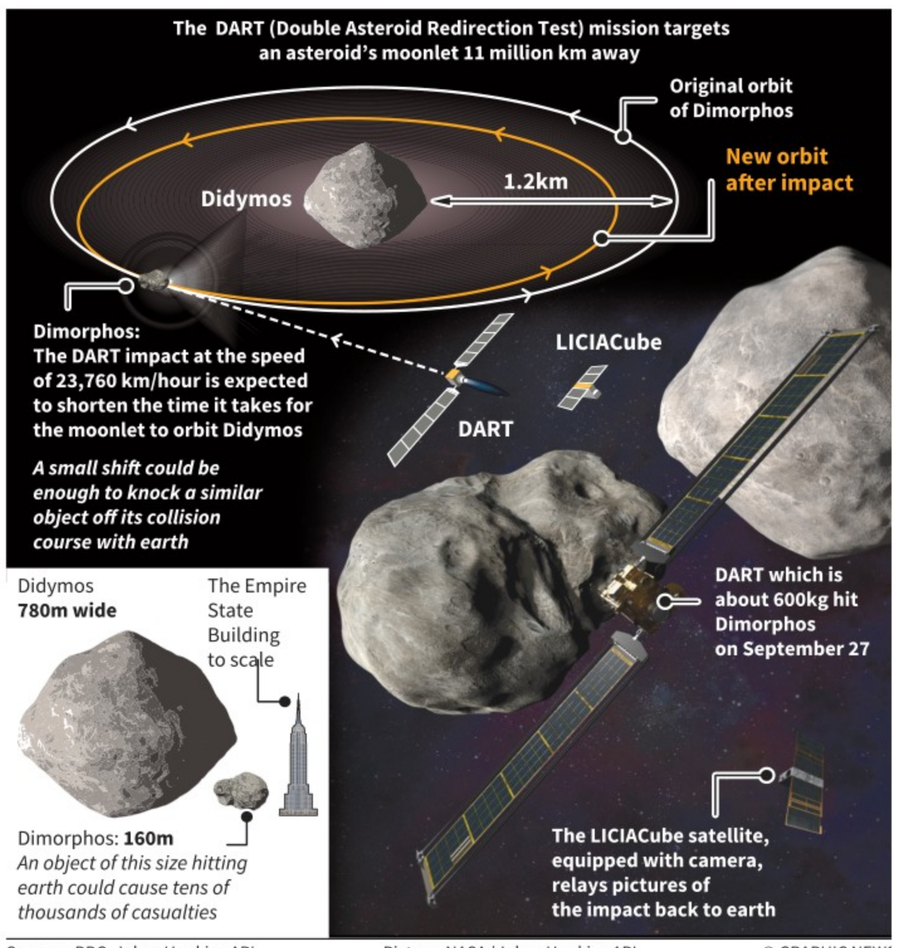
Ready, set, crash!

NASA's DART spacecraft collided with the space rock Dimorphos (which orbits around Didymos, the primary asteroid) and has therefore, deflected the trajectory of the pair of space rocks


The DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) mission targets an asteroid's moonlet 11 million km away
Original orbit of Dimorphos
New orbit after impact
Didymos
1.2km
Dimorphos: The DART impact at the speed of 23,760 km/hour is expected to shorten the time it takes for the moonlet to orbit Didymos
A small shift could be enough to knock a similar object off its collision course with earth
LICIACube
DART
DART which is about 600kg hit Dimorphos on September 27
Didymos 780m wide
The Empire State Building to scale
Dimorphos: 160m
An object of this size hitting earth could cause tens of thousands of casualties
The LICIACube satellite, equipped with camera, relays pictures of the impact back to earth

Sources: BBC, Johns Hopkins APL Picture: NASA / Johns Hopkins APL © GRAPHIC NEWS

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Bangalore University inks MoU with University of Warsaw

The Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, and Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). H.E. Thomas Lukaszuk, former ambassador of Republic of Poland to India, and faculty of Political Science and International Relations, University of Warsaw, were present at the recent signing of MoU. The session was presided by Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University.

DS-MAX Cricket League held; season 2 in the offing

DS-Max Properties recently held the 'DS-MAX Cricket League', in which 16 teams participated. The finals was DS-Max Swatantra vs DS-Max Sankalp-Manor, in which the former won the DCL Trophy of Season 1. DS-Max Championship League Season 2 is in the offing, say the organisers. The event was sponsored by State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Pillar Five, RD TMT, Shashank Infra Projects, President TMT, TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd., and Krish-V, said a release.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (September 28, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- The NASA spacecraft-asteroid collision
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Tale of vanishing lakes and drains that bring the city to its knees during rain

A year ago, in its report on 'Performance Audit of Management of stormwater in Bengaluru Urban Area', the Comptroller and Auditor General of India had exposed how the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and other civic agencies had played a role in the deterioration of lakes and drains

WHAT AILS OUR LAKES

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Recent flooding in Mahadevapura zone and other areas, following heavy rain, exposed how the civic agencies failed miserably in protecting lakes and storm water drains.

A year before, in its report on 'Performance Audit of Management of stormwater in Bengaluru Urban Area', the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) had exposed how the BBMP and other civic agencies played their role in the vanishing of lakes and deterioration of storm water drains over the years.

A view of Arekere lake in Bengaluru. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

No data

It revealed that the BBMP, which runs the tech capital of the country, does not possess fool-proof data on the total number/length and nature of different types of drains in its jurisdiction. The CAG also noted that there were "significant discrepancies in details pertaining to water bodies and storm water drains in master plans prepared by BDA and BBMP." The civic agencies ignoring encroachments of storm water drains, poor execution and 'undue' favours to contractors while executing storm water related works and many other derelictions were exposed in the report.

The report states that as per the information provided by the lake division of the BBMP, the city had 210 lakes in its jurisdiction out of which 66 lakes were yet to developed, 18 lakes with a total area of over 254 acres reported as disused lakes that include Chennamana Kere, Chikkalasandra, Lingarajapuram lakes, and others.

Quoting IISc studies, the report states that the city (covering an area of 741 sq km) had 1,452 water bodies with a total storage capacity of 35 tmcft during the early 1800s. By 2016, the number of water bodies in the same area reduced to 194 with a storage capacity of 5 tmcft. The current storage capacity which has further declined due to silting is 1.2 tmcft (2016).

The report made a revelation that 41 and 51 water bodies, which existed in Koramangala and Vrishabhavathi valleys, respectively, as per the cadastral map (prepared through field survey during early 1900s) were reduced to 8 and 13 by the year 2008 indicating the severity of lake conversion. Further, the wetland system (lakes, tanks, kere, and katte), which contributed about 479.48 ha (0.75%) and 215.46 ha (2.24%) to the geographical area of the valleys as per the cadastral map decreased to 262.37 ha and 62.05 ha during 2016/2017 indicating erosion due to land use changes.

As per the study, total length of drains as per cadastral maps (early 1900s) was 113.24 km and 226.29 km in Koramangala and Vrushabhavathi valleys respectively, which was reduced to 62.84 km and 111.72 km by 2016/2017. In Koramangala Valley, which witnessed severe flooding, the length of two drains which merge before entering into Bellandur Lake was reduced from 338 m to 136 m between the years 2008 and 2016 which allowed constructions thereby affecting the free flow of storm water. In Vrishabhavathi valley, the drain passing along the border of Hosakerehalli lake was remodelled and diverted to flow through the lake, thereby reducing the area of the lake.

In its observation on the status of storm water drains in the city, the report states that rampant mixing of sewage (780MLD) with storm water is a serious problem. "Sewerage lines were drawn inside the SWDs and a large quantity of sewage was illegally let into SWDs. Untreated sewage is flowing into water bodies and affecting the quality of ground water. This carries substantial risk of spurt in vector/water borne diseasess," the report said.

The Chief Health Officer, BBMP, confirmed an outburst of cholera in the city during March 2020. The CAG report made several recommendations to fix the flooding problem in the city. However, it has been gathering dust.

Key recommendations

- Formulation of comprehensive policy that recognises urban run-off as potential source of water requiring a clear plan of action for conservation in consonance with NDM guidelines
- BBMP and BWSSB should jointly prepare plan of action to prevent sewage flow into storm-water drains, exploring letting treated water to water bodies in the city
- Notifying revised masterplan to prevent encroachments of water bodies
- BBMP to come up with action plan to recover cost amounts from contractors who have violated norms and blacklist them. Action to be initiated against officials responsible for violations
- State government should conduct detailed investigation into issues regarding preparation of incomplete and deficient DPRs, loss of files by SWD division, payments made under questionable circumstances, and take appropriate action based on the findings
- BBMP needs to escalate efforts to conduct robust surveys to identify and evict all encroachments on SWDs, and maintain the stipulated buffer zone

Trainee KSRP constable ends life over argument

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police recovered Chikkappa Annappa Ambi's mobile phone and found that he had last called a female friend and reportedly had a heated argument

A 26-year-old trainee constable attached to the 1st battalion of Karnataka State Reserve Police Force was found dead in a bathroom of the barrack on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Chikkappa Annappa Ambi, native of Januwadu, in Athani taluk of Belagavi district.

The officials found him missing for the training session. Suspecting that he escaped, they called his home to inform about his absence from training.

The incident came to light when another trainee saw the bathroom door locked from inside, and broke it open to find him hanging using a towel.

The Madivala police conducted investigations. The police recovered his mobile phone and found that he had last made a video call to a female friend and reportedly had a heated argument. Enraged by this, Ambi took the extreme step, a police officer said.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph: 104 for help.)

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SN : 1, **Tender No. :** 01221028C, **Short Description of item :** Silico Manganese, **Quantity :** 209949.67 Kg., **Date of Tender Closing/ Opening :** 20.10.2022 at 14:00 Hrs. 1. Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in**. 2. The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

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AUCTION PROGRAMME NOTICE No: S/XIII/03/2022-23

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Following is the Schedule of E-Auction to be held in the month of October, November and December -2022 for Sale of on-line and Depot Scrap under the jurisdictions Goods Shed Depot/Hubballi and Mechanical General Stores Depot /Ashokapuram Depots and Hubballi, Mysuru and Bengaluru Divisions of South Western Railway.

Types of Auction	Venue	October - 2022		November - 2022		December - 2022		
E-Auction (From:9:00 Hrs)	General Stores Depot/Hubballi	3rd	17th	3rd	16th	1st	12th	22nd
	Mechanical General Stores Depot, Ashokapuram (Mysuru)	12th	27th	7th	21st	5th	13th	26th
	Hubballi Division	6th	19th	10th	24th	7th	19th	27th
	Bengaluru Division	10th	25th	14th	28th	8th	20th	28th
	Mysuru Division	13th	31st	16th	29th	14th	21st	29th

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
SALEM DIVISION E-Tender
Notice No.SA-TRD-2022-23-115 dated 26.09.2022

Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction and Distribution branch/Salem Division, Salem - 5 invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The Tenderer(s)/ Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tender will be accpeted. It is the responsibility of the Tenderer(s)/ Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature certificates for participating in e-tendering.

E-Tender Notice No. SA-TRD-2022-23-115

Name of work : Salem Division - Elctrification of Ballast siding & ART and Provision of Buried Rail in all SSP & SP.
Approx. value of the work (Rupees in lakh) : 142.92.
Cost of Tender form (Rupees) : 0.
Amount of EMD (Rupees) : 221500.
Completion period of work : 6 months.
Tender Closing Date and Time : 28.10.2022 upto 14.30 hrs

For Complete details of the above tenders and for the details of bid submission, please refer website portal **www.ireps.gov.in**
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Dated : 26.09.2022
Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Salem.
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EAST COAST RAILWAY
AUCTION OF 61 SLRs AND 08 VPs OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION

Details of PLAs

SL. NO.	TRAIN NO. & CC IN TONNES	FROM & TO	LOT END TIME
01	20918 & (3.9 T)	PURI-INDORE	06.10.2022, 1030 hrs.
02	12822 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	06.10.2022, 1040 hrs.
03	22833 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-KRISHNARAJAPURAM	06.10.2022, 1050 hrs.
04	18417 & (4 T)	PURI-GUNUPUR	06.10.2022, 1100 hrs.
05	20837 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	06.10.2022, 1110 hrs.
06	12888 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	06.10.2022, 1120 hrs.
07	12994 & (3.9 T)	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	06.10.2022, 1130 hrs.
08	17479 & (4 T)	PURI-TIRUPATI	06.10.2022, 1140 hrs.
09	12281 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	06.10.2022, 1150 hrs.
10	22866 & (4 T)	PURI- LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	06.10.2022, 1200 hrs.
11	22871 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	06.10.2022, 1210 hrs.
12	18417 & (4 T)	PURI-GUNUPUR	06.10.2022, 1220 hrs.
13	18447 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JAGDALPUR	06.10.2022, 1230 hrs.
14	20472 & (3.9 T)	PURI-BIKANER	06.10.2022, 1240 hrs.
15	20896 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-RAMESWARAM	06.10.2022, 1250 hrs.
16	22836 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	06.10.2022, 1300 hrs.
17	18419 & (3.9 T)	PURI-JAYANAGAR	06.10.2022, 1310 hrs.
18	22840 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ROURKELA	06.10.2022, 1320 hrs.
19	20837 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	06.10.2022, 1330 hrs.
20	20861 & (3.9 T)	PURI-AHMEDABAD	06.10.2022, 1340 hrs.
21	20817 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	06.10.2022, 1350 hrs.
22	22882 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-PUNE	06.10.2022, 1400 hrs.
23	22879 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	06.10.2022, 1410 hrs.
24	22811 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	06.10.2022, 1420 hrs.
25	22866 & (4 T)	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	06.10.2022, 1430 hrs.
26	12898 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-PUDUCHERRY	06.10.2022, 1440 hrs.
27	12819 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	06.10.2022, 1450 hrs.
28	12880 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	06.10.2022, 1500 hrs.
29	17479 & (4 T)	PURI-TIRUPATI	06.10.2022, 1510 hrs.
30	22859 & (3.9 T)	PURI-MGR CHENNAI CENTRAL	06.10.2022, 1520 hrs.
31	18449 & (3.9 T)	PURI-PATNA JUNCTION	06.10.2022, 1530 hrs.
32	22202 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SEALDAH	06.10.2022, 1540 hrs.
33	20819 & (3.9 T)	PURI-OKHA	06.10.2022, 1550hrs.
34	22974 & (3.9 T)	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	06.10.2022, 1600 hrs.
35	22910 & (3.9 T)	PURI-VALSAD	06.10.2022, 1610 hrs.
36	12845 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-BANGALORE CANT.	06.10.2022, 1620 hrs.
37	22827 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SURAT	07.10.2022, 1030 hrs.
38	12146 & (3.9 T)	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	07.10.2022, 1040 hrs.
39	22805 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	07.10.2022, 1050 hrs.
40	22823 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	07.10.2022, 1100 hrs.
41	12815 & (3.9 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	07.10.2022, 1110 hrs.
42	18452 & (3.9 T)	PURI-HATIA	07.10.2022, 1120 hrs.
43	22819 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	07.10.2022, 1130 hrs.
44	22819 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	07.10.2022, 1140 hrs.
45	22819 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	07.10.2022, 1150 hrs.
46	18126 & (4 T)	PURI-ROURKELA	07.10.2022, 1200 hrs.
47	18126 & (4 T)	PURI-ROURKELA	07.10.2022, 1210 hrs.
48	18410 & (4 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	07.10.2022, 1220 hrs.
49	18410 & (4 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	07.10.2022, 1230 hrs.
50	18463 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR- BANGALORE CITY	07.10.2022, 1240 hrs.
51	12875 & (3.9 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	07.10.2022, 1250 hrs.
52	18425 & (3.9 T)	PURI-DURG	07.10.2022, 1300 hrs.
53	12843 & (3.9 T)	PURI-AHMEDABAD	07.10.2022, 1310 hrs.
54	12801 & (3.9 T)	PURI-NEW DELHI	07.10.2022, 1320 hrs.
55	20813 & (4 T)	PURI-JODHPUR JUNCTION	07.10.2022, 1330 hrs.
56	20813 & (4 T)	PURI-JODHPUR JUNCTION	07.10.2022, 1340 hrs.
57	12896 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	07.10.2022, 1350 hrs.
58	18477 & (4 T)	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	07.10.2022, 1400 hrs.
59	18477 & (4 T)	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	07.10.2022, 1410 hrs.
60	20823 & (3.9 T)	PURI-AJMER	07.10.2022, 1420 hrs.
61	11020 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-CHATRAPATI SHIVAJI TERMINUS	07.10.2022, 1430 hrs.
62	22805-22806 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1030 hrs.
63	12830-12829 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-MGR CHENNAI CENTRAL (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1040 hrs.
64	12898-12897 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-PUDUCHERRY (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1050 hrs.
65	18463-18464 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-BANGALORE CITY (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1100 hrs.
66	12815-12816 (24 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1110 hrs.
67	12819-12820 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1120 hrs.
68	12875-12876 (24 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1130 hrs.
69	18477-18478 (24 T)	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH (ROUND TRIP)	10.10.2022, 1140 hrs.

Assets Description: F-1 (for sl. no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32, 34, 36, 39, 40, 41, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 56, 57, 58 and 61), **R-1** (for sl. no. 5, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52, 53, 55, 59 and 60), **F-2** (for sl. no. 43) and **VP** (for sl. no. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69). **Frequency & Scale: 1 Day** (for sl. no. 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 55, 56, 57, 61, 62, 63 and 64), **2 Days** (for sl. no. 24, 27, 28, 60, 66 and 67), **3 Days** (for sl. no. 32, 51 and 68), **4 Days** (for sl. no. 40, 41 and 53), **5 Days** (for sl. no. 8 and 29) and **7 Days** (for sl. no. 2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 18, 19, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54, 58, 59, 65 and 69)
Lot start time: 06.10.2022, 1000 hrs. (for sl. no. 1 to 36), 07.10.2022, 1000 hrs. (for sl. no. 37 to 61) and 10.10.2022, 1000 hrs. (for sl. no. 62 to 69), **Minimum Increase:** 0.20% (for all sl. nos.), **Lot status :** New in Draft Catalogue (for all sl. nos.).

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.R.E. DIVISION BIDAR.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2022-23/ 1604 Date:23.09.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

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Sl . No.	Tender ID & Tender Ref No.	Description of items	Nature of Tender
1.	2022_CSIR_128754_1 & 28 (05)/2021/Pur/T-99	Procurement of Syn GENE 0-3 (Gene Synthesis)	**Global Tender** - The tender is open for local suppliers and Non-local suppliers (those not meeting the local content, Foreign OEM, Foreign principals or their authorized Indian agents)
2.	2022_CSIR_130088_1 & 7(07)/2022/Pur/T-108	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Multi-Block PCR Machine	**Global Tender** - The tender is open for local suppliers and Non-local suppliers (those not meeting the local content, Foreign OEM, Foreign principals or their authorized Indian agents)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase the immovable property being a residential house constructed on Plot bearing No.37, BBMP Khatha No.72/2/37, measuring 1,506 square feet comprised in Survey No.72/2 of Horamavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.25 of Horamavu, Bangalore – 560 043, morefully described in the schedule written hereunder (Schedule Property) from its owners Mr.Chenthil Annamalai and Mrs.Harjinder Kaur, residing at No.37, Gulmohar Layout, Kalkere Village, Banjara Layout, Horamavu, Bengaluru - 560043. If there are any claims or interests over the Property of whatsoever nature, the interested person/s, bank/s, creditor/s, financial institution/s, firm/s, statutory authorities or any others must present his / their / its claims /objections with the undersigned, in writing along with documentary proof, within seven (07) days from the date of this publication, failing which our Client will proceed with the sale transaction with the owners named above, without any reference to such claim and claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

In protest: A gagged rally taken out by the Dalit League protesting against the government's economic bill to provide 10% quota to economically weaker sections in Malappuram in 2019. SAKEER HUSSAIN

On reservations for EWS: a test for law and justice

While in most cases the Supreme Court's own precedent provides principled answers, the challenges made to the 103rd constitutional amendment present a more difficult judicial examination than usual

Suhrith Parthasarathy

The Supreme Court has reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the 103rd constitutional amendment providing 10% reservation to EWS persons in admissions and government jobs. In this article dated July 16, 2019, Suhrith Parthasarathy explains how reservations based on economic status is against the elementary conception of equality guaranteed by the Constitution.

Constitutional challenges are often described as hard cases. This is, however, seldom true. Invariably, disputes possess a simple solution. We can debate over what theories of interpretation to apply and over whether the text of a clause needs to be read literally or in light of its historical background, but in most cases, the Supreme Court's own precedent and commonly accepted legal theories provide an easy enough guide to finding a principled answer. The challenges made to the 103rd constitutional amendment, though, which a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court is slated to hear this month , present a rather more difficult test.

Here, the issues involved concern questions both over whether the amendment infringes the extant idea of equality, and over whether that idea is so intrinsic to the Constitution, that departing from it will somehow breach the document's basic structure. The court's answers to these questions will operate not merely within the realm of the law but will also likely have a deep political bearing – for at stake here is the very nature of justice that India's democracy embodies.

The law, which was introduced in January this year, amends Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution, and grants to government the power to provide for reservation in appointments to posts under the state and in admissions to educational institutions to "economically weaker sections [EWS] of citizens". At first blush, this reservation, which can extend up to 10% of the total seats available, may not appear to impinge on the existing constitutional arrangement. But what it does mandate is a quota that will apply only to citizens other than the classes that are already eligible for reservation. Consequently, persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and persons who are not part of the creamy layer of the Other Backward Classes will not be eligible to the seats available under the quota.

According to the petitioners in the Supreme Court, the central hypothesis of the amendment, where reservation is predicated on individual economic status, violates the Constitution's basic structure. In their belief, the law, by providing for affirmative action unmindful of the structural inequalities inherent in India's society, overthrows the prevailing rationale for reservations. In doing so, they argue, the amendment destroys the Constitution's idea of equal opportunity. The Union of India argues that while the Constitution demands equality, it does not confine Parliament to any singular vision. According to it, the power to amend the Constitution must necessarily include a power to decide how to guarantee equal status to all persons.

Meaning and purpose

In some senses, as sociologist Gail Omvedt wrote in these pages ("The purpose of reservation - I", March 24, 2000), "the whole history of the struggle for reservation has also been a debate about its very meaning and purpose". When reservations were first introduced by some of the princely states the policy was seen largely as an alleviative measure. For instance, in the princely State of Mysore, where privileged castes had cornered virtually every post available under the government, a system of reservations was introduced denominating communities as "Backward Classes", and providing for them a larger share in the administration. By the time the Constitution was being drafted as a reading of the Constituent Assembly's debates shows us, the rationale for reservations had broadened. The Constitution's framers saw the measure as a promise against prejudice, as a tool to assimilate deprived groups into public life, and as a means of reparation, to compensate persons belonging to those groups for the reprehensible acts of discrimination wrought on them through history. Marc Galanter has called this a compensatory discrimination principle.

Yet, despite the expanded justification, the basic foundational logic for reservations was still predicated on a demand for a fairer and more representative share in political administration. This is demonstrated by R.M. Nalavade's comment in the Constituent Assembly. "Our experience in the provinces, though there are provisions for reservation in the services, is bitter," he said. "Even though the depressed classes are educated and qualified, they are not given chances of employment under the Provincial Governments. Now that we have provided for this in the Constitution itself, there is no fear for the Scheduled castes. According to this clause we can be adequately represented in the provincial as well as in the Central services."

By providing for a more proportionate distribution of the share in administration, the programme of reservations, it was believed, would end at least some of caste-based domination of jobs, particularly of employment in the public sector – a domination that was built over thousands of years, where Dalits and Adivasis were denied access to equal status. As Ms. Omvedt has pointed out, the strategy behind reservations could, therefore, never have involved an attack on pure economic backwardness. The idea was always to disavow caste-monopoly in the public sector.

Theory of justice

Even when the Constitution's first amendment was introduced in 1951, to allow the state to make special provisions beyond reservations in public employment for "the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens, or for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes", the rationale, as the lawyer Malavika Prasad has argued, remained constant. Attempts made at the time to categorise individuals on the basis of economic status were expressly rejected. Behind this thinking was a distinctive theory of justice: that by according a greater share in public life to historically disadvantaged groups the relative position of those groups would stand enhanced. No doubt such a policy would not, in and of itself, help eliminate the various inequalities produced by the caste system, but it was believed it would represent a resolute effort to eliminate at least some of the caste-based domination prevailing in society.

Indeed, the policy and the idea of justice that undergirds it have been seen as so indispensable to the Constitution's aims and purposes that the Supreme Court in *State of Kerala v. N. M. Thomas* (1975) held that reservations based on social and educational backwardness, far from being an exception ought to be seen as an intrinsic facet of the idea of equality.

Unseating equality

It is in departing from this logic that the 103rd amendment unseats the Constitution's code of equality. Pure financial ability is a transient criterion; it doesn't place people into a definite group requiring special privileges. If anything, allowing for reservation on such a principle only further fortifies the ability of powerful castes to retain their positions of authority, by creating an even greater monopolisation of their share in administration. If such an end is indeed the vision, it's difficult to see how the elementary conception of equality guaranteed by the Constitution can continue to survive. Now, no doubt the Supreme Court may, on the face of things, consider Parliament as possessing the power to altogether dismantle the Constitution's existing idea of equality without simultaneously demolishing the document's basic structure. But, if nothing else, when the court hears the challenges made to the 103rd amendment, it must see the petitioners' arguments as representing a credibly defensible view. The least the court ought to do, therefore, is to refer the case to a constitution bench, given that Article 145(3) mandates such an enquiry on any issue involving a substantial question of law concerning the Constitution's interpretation, and, in the meantime, stay the operation of the amendment until such a bench hears the case fully. Should the court fail to do so the government will surely one day present to it a cruel fait accompli.

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KEYWORD

Theory of the Malthusian trap

Thomas Malthus' idea has often been cited by environmentalists who argue that a rising human population puts unsustainable pressure on resources

Prashanth Perumal

The Malthusian trap or Malthusian check refers to the theory that as the human population grows there is increasing pressure on earth's resources, which in turn acts as a check on the further rise in population. It is named after English economist Thomas Malthus who elaborated on the concept in his 1798 book *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, which quite famously inspired Charles Darwin. In his book, Malthus argued that while rise in food production in a country can lead to improved living standards for the general population, the benefit is likely to be temporary. This is because, Malthus argued, increasing availability of food would encourage people to have more kids since they could afford to feed them now, thus leading to a rise in the total population and a drop in per capita income levels. Malthus, in other words, believed that there was an inverse relationship between human population and living standards with rising population leading to lower living standards.

Industrial revolution

Malthus' idea has often been cited by modern environmentalists and other social scientists who believe that rising human population puts unsustainable pressure on earth's resources. The per capita income of countries remained fairly low and largely stable for many centuries until the modern age. In the pre-modern age, whenever there was a rise in food production due to whatever reason, this caused per capita income to rise for a while as long as population levels remained stable. However, the population of the country increased quite quickly which ensured that per capita income returned to its historical trend. Whenever food production dropped on the other hand, there was famine which caused the death of a large number of people. The drop in human population continued until the country's per capita income rose to subsistence levels. Either way, resource constraints kept a check on human population.

The industrial revolution that happened in the 18th and 19th centuries is seen as a landmark event that broke the historical relationship between human population and living standards. It witnessed the rising use of man-made technology, which made sure that human beings could produce more output in the form of goods and services for each unit of the earth's resource that they exploited. In other words, human productivity rose massively as a result of the rise of technology.

What critics say

Critics of the Malthusian trap believe that the industrial revolution decisively refuted Malthus as human population levels and living standards have risen in tandem ever since the event. In other words, according to critics, there may be no strict inverse correlation between population growth and the living standards of people. As long as human beings can find ways to use earth's resources more efficiently, their population can grow without compromising their living standards even in the long-term. In fact, some argue that as human population rises, the chances of breakthrough innovations happening rise manifold as there would be more human minds working on solving humanity's problems.

THE DAILY QUIZ

September 28 is World Rabies Day, observed to promote prevention and elimination of the disease. Here's a quiz on rabies

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
The word rabies is derived from the Latin word *rabies,* meaning "madness". It may also be related to a Sanskrit word that means "to rage". Name the word.

QUESTION 2
In Greek mythology, this character was depicted as the spirit of mad rage, frenzy, and rabies in animals. Name this Greek entity who inspired the genus name of the rabies virus.

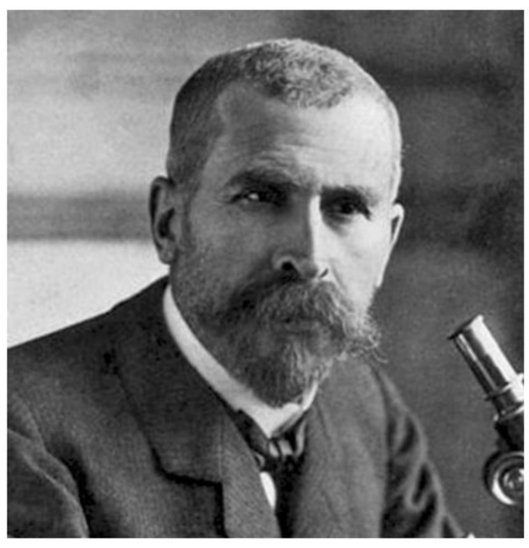
QUESTION 3
Name the French chemist and microbiologist whose work has saved millions of lives through the development of a vaccine for rabies.

QUESTION 4
The WHO-recommended method for diagnosing rabies is a procedure called 'FAT'. The procedure allows for the visualisation of the rabies antigen using fluorescent microscopy techniques. Expand FAT.

QUESTION 5
Rabies is commonly associated with a set of symptoms in the later stages of the infection, in which a person has difficulty swallowing, panics when presented with liquid for drinking, and cannot quench their thirst. What is this fear called?

QUESTION 6
Which country has the highest rate of human rabies in the world, primarily because of stray dogs?

QUESTION 7
A 'Memorial Celebrity Rabies Awareness Fun Run Pro Am Race for the Cure' was dedicated to which character from a popular American sitcom that aired from 2005 to 2013?



Visual question:
Name this French bacteriologist and immunologist who investigated rabies and co-founded the Pasteur Institute.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The reason September 27 was chosen as World Tourism Day. **Ans: The date marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Statutes of the organisation in 1970**
2. This nation is this year's host country. **Ans: Indonesia with the theme 'Rethinking Tourism'**
3. A.R. Rahman and actor Sanjay Dutt have been ambassadors of these northeast States. **Ans: Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh respectively**
4. The tourist train which has coaches named after dynasties. **Ans: The Golden Chariot run by Karnataka Tourism**
5. These UTs have/had the taglines 'Give Time a Break' and 'The Land of Natural Beauty'. **Ans: Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**
6. This National Park hosts the recently re-introduced cheetahs. **Ans: Kuno National Park**
7. These cities have the famous Sidi Saiyyed ni Jali and Bibi Ka Maqbara. **Ans: Ahmedabad and Aurangabad**
Visual: Name the place and the State. **Ans: Unakoti in Tripura**

Early Birds: Ashwani Chandra| Beauty Kumari| Sumesh. S. Panjal| Astha Baranwal| Varsha Kataria

Compiled by: Ranjani Srinivasan

Word of the day

Fractious:
easily irritated or annoyed

Synonyms: irritable, cranky, peevish

Usage: *The children were getting fractious by the end of the trip*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/3Rlkukm

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Work on mini-Lalbagh in Jarakabande Kaval will begin soon, says Minister

There is no point in converting a forest into a park to cater to need for lung space. We should leave the forests as forests, say members of 'Save Jarakabande Kaval' campaign

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Despite facing strong opposition from local residents, farmers, and environmentalists, the State government has decided to go ahead with the plan to develop the Jarakabande Kaval deemed forest area in Yelahanka into a park, which is now being called "mini-Lalbagh", and is proposed to be named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Responding to a question raised in the recently concluded Assembly session, Minister for Horticulture Munirathna said work on the project will begin soon. He defended the decision to develop a park in the area to cater to the demand for green spaces in a rapidly urbanising Bengaluru.

"We need to acquire 307 acres of deemed forest land for the project. The proposal has been made and as per norms alternative land in 1:1 ratio has also been identified. Once we get a clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests, the project will begin in phases," he said, expressing confidence that they will get the MoEF clearance for transfer of land very soon. Alternative land patches have been identified in Shivalli (112 acres), Chennapura in Bengaluru Rural district (150 acres), Kotekoppa in Ramanagaram (100 acres), and in Chickballapura (30 acres), he said.

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> Minister for Horticulture

The project has faced opposition from residents and environmentalists from the proposal stage. "There is no point in converting a natural forest, one of the last remaining patches in the city into a park to cater to the need for green spaces in the city. This will only disturb the natural ecosystem of the forest," said a volunteer from "Save Jarakabande Forest".

However, local MLA S.R. Vishwanath claimed Jarakabande Kaval will remain a forest area and the trees will not be felled.

"Only eucalyptus and acacia trees which are not well suited for the region will be removed. Instead of them, we will plant fruit trees and other eco-friendly trees in phases. Thousands of people already come to the forest for walking and cycling. We just need to develop some infrastructure and retain the ecosystem. For example, in place of mud walking and cycling tracks, we will provide sturdier roads," he explained. He also said that to create environmental awareness among children, a centre will be established inside the forest.

"A lot of forests have disappeared in the city, especially in the northern part, in the last few decades. The trees in these forests were planted many generations ago and we should protect them. You cannot create a lung space by concretising a natural forest. These days, there is a bid to transform all the forests into a picnic spot where people can spend their or weekends or go cycling. But no one pays a thought about how a frog or a toad or another small creature could get trampled under bicycle wheels. The species inside forests are fighting for space. We should leave the forests as forests," said a member of the 'Save Jarakabande Forest' campaign.

'BBMP polls overdue, anomalies in ward reservation can't come in the way'

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While the State government on Tuesday defended before the High Court of Karnataka the reservation of wards of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to various categories, the petitioners have alleged that reservation was "biased to suit political party in power" while also finding fault with the reservation of wards for Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

Meanwhile, the State Election Commission (SEC) said that elections cannot be postponed indefinitely while emphasising that only a week's time can be granted for the government to redo the reservation of seats for women if there is any discrepancies. Other anomalies in reservation for any other categories can't be considered for the present as the elections are overdue, the SEC contended citing the apex court's verdicts.

These arguments were made before Justice Hemant Chandangoudar during the hearing of the petitions challenging the notification issued by the government fixing reservation for 243 new wards of the BBMP.

The petitioners have sought stay on the reservation notification.

Population data

It was argued on behalf of some of the petitioners that a Commission, which was set up to identify castes that are politically backward and deserve political reservation, had recommended reservation for OBCs citing a data even though no data of population of OBCs is available in the census 2011.

In some petitions, the legality of reserving all the wards under an Assembly constituency for women has been questioned while contending that wards for various categories should have been reserved Assembly-constituency wise.

Reserved wards

However, the government said that it has reserved 28 wards for SCs and four for STs based on the 2011 census, which states that there are 9,61,549 SCs and 1,55,080 STs of the total population of 84,49,004.

While the reservations of wards in favour of Backward Classes A, Backward classes B categories and women have been reserved by employing randomisation as the method, the reservation in favour of SCs and STs have been done in descending order of their population ward-wise based on 2011 census, the government has stated.

Hearing adjourned

The court adjourned further hearing till September 28 while also asking the government's response on whether it wants to rectify the discrepancies, as pointed out by the petitioners, in a short period.

INBRIEF

AIDSO State-level students' convention today

All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) is holding a State-level students' convention on the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh at Freedom Park on Wednesday. The organisation will conclude its signature campaign to 'Save public education, to save government educational institutions'. The campaign is on for the past 145 days and around 35 lakh students, parents, teachers, writers, and littérateurs have participated, according to a release. The petition will be submitted to the PM through the CM.

Panchaganga Express to operate till Madgaon

Konkan Railways has decided to operate Bengaluru-Karwar-Bengaluru Panchaganga Express till Madgaon in Goa from November 1, but as a different train with different numbers. Thus, there will be direct connectivity between Bengaluru and Madgaon through Karnataka Coast. Those intending to travel to Madgaon from Bengaluru or from Madgaon to Bengaluru, have to buy two tickets, one till Karwar and the other for the other leg of the journey. The Panchaganga Express (Train No. 16595/16596) does non-commercial run between Karwar-Madgaon-Karwar for fuelling and watering at Madgaon.

Man arrested for murdering wife over trivial row

The Begur police cracked the murder case of a 40-year-old homemaker who was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her house on Monday. The deceased has been identified as Sangeetha, wife of Manu, a private firm employee. The Begur police suspected that she was murdered due to some rivalry or for gain. But circumstantial evidence led them to suspect her husband Manu. The police picked up Manu and a detailed questioning led him to confess to the crime. Manu told the police that he married Sangeetha nine months ago and fought with her frequently over trivial matters. The couple had an argument on Sunday after Manu demanded food be prepared on the occasion of 'Pitru Paksha' but Sangeetha refused. Enraged, Manu strangulated her.

Lokayukta conducts surprise visits to DC office, Kandaya Bhavan

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Visitors and the staff of Kandaya Bhavan and taluk offices in and around Bengaluru were caught by surprise when the Lokayukta officials arrived on surprise inspections.

As many as 100 officials from Lokayukta, formed several teams led by Upa Lokayukta K.N. Phaneendra, stormed the DC office, Kandaya Bhavan, and taluk offices in and around the city. The inspection was carried out in the wake of complaints from the public about the inordinate delay in file clearance. The officials checked the files to ascertain why they were not cleared at the stipulated time. They also checked the status of various applications and asked people about the service they have experienced. The officials questioned the staff on the procedure followed to clear the files and process the applications. The officials also questioned about the infrastructure of the offices and the sanctioned staff and requirements.

Senior officials were not present as they were on official work in the wake of the President's visit.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 28	
RISE	06:09 SET 18:12
RISE	08:03 SET 20:02
THURSDAY, SEP. 29	
RISE	06:09 SET 18:11
RISE	08:58 SET 20:47
FRIDAY, SEP. 30	
RISE	06:09 SET 18:10
RISE	09:57 SET 21:38

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
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Bengaluru	28	21

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29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid.Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at some places.

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'HAL, ISRO will play a significant and positive role in the future of India'

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

When India celebrates 100 years of its Independence in 2047, the world around us would have changed drastically and we cannot visualise how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation are going to transform lives in the next 25 years, said President Droupadi Murmu on September 27.

"Just as we were in no position 25 years ago to imagine the contemporary world, we cannot visualise today how artificial intelligence and automation are going to transform our lives. We are looking ahead at the next 25 years as the period to re-imagine India and make it a developed country," she said while inaugurating the Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru.

The Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility can manufacture cryogenic and semi-cryogenic Engines.

Addressing the gathering, the President said the opening of the facility is a historic moment not only for HAL and ISRO, but for the entire country.

Being the force behind the forces, she said, HAL has contributed immensely to the country's self-reliance in defence in terms of research, development and manufacturing of various aircraft platforms.

President Droupadi Murmu at the inauguration of the Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and ISRO Chairman S. Somanath, are also seen. K. MURALI KUMAR

President Murmu complimented ISRO for its sincere efforts and contribution toward making India the sixth country in the world to have cryogenic engine manufacturing capabilities.

"HAL and ISRO together contribute to strategic defence and development. The glorious past of HAL and ISRO gives us an assurance that these organisations will continue to play a significant and positive role in the future as India enters the Amrit Kaal," President Murmu added.

Virology institute to come up in Bengaluru

President Murmu also laid the foundation stone for the Zonal Institute of Virology (South zone) through video-conferencing.

"Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) provided exemplary support for effective COVID-19 management and is expanding its research infrastructure," President Murmu said.

National Institute of Virology, Pune, under the Indian Council of Medical Research, is taking all possible steps to increase R&D in the field of virology. The National Institute of Virology has been designated as one of the collaborating laboratories of the World Health Organisation, President Murmu said. "The expansion of National Institute of Virology through zonal campuses across the country, to cater to the demand in the various regions, is praiseworthy," she said.

Grand welcome

President Droupadi Murmu being felicitated by Padma Shri awardee theatre actor Manjamma Jogathi during a civic reception hosted in her honour at the Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday. PTI

Train students to be future ready, Murmu tells educational institutes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

President Draupadi Murmu on Tuesday said educational institutions in the country should train their students to become "future ready" according to the changing times. The country will have the highest number of young people in the world over the next decades and the ability to provide high-quality educational opportunities will determine their future and the future of our country, she said.

The President was speaking at the inauguration of St. Joseph's University in the city.

Aspirational generation

"It is the responsibility of educational institutions to train and equip their students in such a way that they are prepared for the demands of the future," she said adding that the young population today are very aspirational and universities need to respond to these diverse aspirations.

Ms. Murmu said that to cater to the aspirations of the students, universities need to adapt out of the box thinking. "The National Education Policy 2020 is one such effort to make academics align with the changing needs."

She said many of the students look towards the West for higher learning and research and that efforts should be made to make the country's universities globally competitive so that the students get opportunities all over the world. She noted that many Indian institutions have earned a place in international rankings but their number is very small. She also said that it should become the aim of every Indian educational institution to become a centre of world class learning.

140-year-old institution

Under the Rashtriya Uchchathar Shiksha Abhiyan scheme, the 140-year-old St Joseph's College (Autonomous) was granted the university status in July 2022. During the inaugural ceremony, Governor of Karnataka Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Bengaluru Archbishop Peter Machado and Chancellor Dionysius vaz SJ were also present.

Speaking at the event, Mr Bommai said that there is a paradigm shift in the levers of power and knowledge had become the real tool. Recalling how Britain invaded different countries for power, he said, "The 21st century is not the time for land and money, it is only for knowledge. Previously, all premiers of different countries used to come to Delhi, but now they do not. They come to Bengaluru. Even here, they do not come to Vidhana Soudha, but go to Infosys and Wipro."

The CM also praised the St Joseph's University for standing the test of time for over a period of one century. "It has been a part of the growth of not just Bengaluru, but entire Karnataka. It has given excellent students to society who have excelled to the best of their abilities in various fields."

The President was offered a civic reception at Banquet Hall at Vidhana Soudha. She leaves Karnataka after a three-day visit on Wednesday.

Inter-State drug racket unearthed; five arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The CCB on Tuesday busted an inter-State narcotics ring and arrested four women and a foreign national and seized drugs worth ₹7.8 crore. The accused, Pushpa, Vijaya, Devi, and Poornima, were caught by the sleuths outside Puttaparthi railway station while they were waiting for their contacts to deliver the consignment.

The police raided the house of a foreign national, David John, and recovered 1.4 kg of MDMA crystals from him. Investigations revealed that the narcotics were being supplied to peddlers from a kingpin living in a tribal village, Seetampalli, and Arakku forest area in Andhra Pradesh.

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I, **No. 10359786.L Ex Hav SURESHA SN** Residing No. 15, Surya Developers, Adde Main Road, Suradevanapura Gate, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064, have changed my son's (minor) name from **HRUTIK .S** to **HRUTHIK .S** vide affidavit dated 26.09.2022 at sworn to before BKG Raju, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Doddaballapur.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, ZUBAIR Mohammed Osama R/at No. 77, Ground Floor, 3rd Cross, Nandidurga Road, Jayamahal Extension, Bangalore-560046 have changed my name to Zubair Mohammed Usama Ahmed vide affidavit dated 24-09-2022 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

I, SHWETA Rana spouse of Ishant Rana residing at SMQ– 146/03 6th Camp Airforce station Jalahalli Bengaluru–560013, have changed my name from Shweta Rana to Shweta Gahlawat vide affidavit dated 17 Sep 2022 at Government of Karnataka.

I, MURUGA Vellu S/o Peddappan R/at No. 927, 5th Cross B Block, Near Ayyappa Temple, Subhash Nagar, Bangalore-560068 have changed my name from Muruga Vellu to Muraga Vel vide affidavit dated 26-09-2022 before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

I, Anilkumar G R S/o Ravi , R/o: 1074, Nallurufail, Majjigepura, , Mandya, Karnataka - 571607, changed my name from Anilkumar G R to Anil Jacob and I have renounced Hindu religion and embraced into Christian religion effect from 03/11/2018 for all purposes.

I, SREEJITHA Mohan W/O Dinkar Kidangeth Chandrasekharan Nair R/O of 748/4, Nanda Gokula Nilaya, Attibele have changed my name to Sreejitha Dinkar vide affidavit dtd 23.09.2022 sworn before notary K.Velayudham, Bengaluru.

I, CHRISTOPHER Samuel Ranjitham, S/o Samuel Ranjitham, R/O–No 273, KHB Quarters, Krishnappa Lane, Jeevanahalli, Coxtown, Blr–05, have changed my name as Ranjit Christopher Samuel, vide affdvt Dt.21/9/22

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O.S. NO. 25947/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Muthuraj ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Muthuraj,
S/o Sri. Lakshmipathaiah,
Aged about 35 years,
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WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.8,53,621/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty One Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/10/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 03/09/2022
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate For Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

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And
Angela Bennett ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Angela Bennett, D/o. Mr. Arthur Bennett, Aged about 34 years, No.15, Ground Floor, 12th Cross, 8th Main, Hoysala Nagar, RM Nagar, Opp. More, Bangalore- 560 016
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Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ..Plaintiff
And
Bhimasen Swain ..Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Bhimasen Swain,
S/o Sri. Banamali Swain,
Aged about 38 years,
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WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.2,95,633/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble IV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 28/10/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 05/09/2022
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate For Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 26TH ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 20)
O.S. NO. 25144/2018
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Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri Anil Kumar P ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Anil Kumar P, S/o. Sri Dashratha Punju, Aged about 40 years, No. 211, Giri Nivas, 1st Main, A Block, Kundalahalli, Marathalli, Bangalore- 560 037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,51,121.08/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty One Thousand One Hundred Twenty One and Eight Paise Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 04/11/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20/09/2022.
Deputy Registrar
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Advocate For Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
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Any person/s asserting any right/s, interest, title or claim/s in respect of the Schedule A and B Properties, in any manner whatsoever or has any objection/s to such sale in favour of our Client is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing, within 7 (seven) days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, along with documentary proof thereof. If no such written objections/claims along with documentary proof is/are received by the undersigned within the aforesaid period, our Client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s and/or objection/s whatsoever with regard to the Schedule Properties and will conclude the sale transaction, without being liable for any future claim/s.
SCHEDULE - A
All the piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing Survey No.20, BBMP Khatha No.90/20, Block VI, measuring 15 guntas converted from agricultural to non-agricultural use vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (K.R.P.H)S.R.21/16-17, dated 20/03/2017 issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru and rectified vide Order dated 14/03/2022 File No.BUDC-ALN0EAST(KRPH)/5/2022-ANL EAST-BUR-DC OFFICE, situated at K. Narayanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows:
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SCHEDULE - B
All the piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing Survey No.20, BBMP Khatha No.92/20, Block VII, measuring 15 guntas, both converted from agricultural to non-agricultural use vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (K.R.P.H)S.R.21/16-17, dated 20/03/2017 issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru and rectified vide Order dated 14/03/2022 File No.BUDC-ALN0EAST(KRPH)/5/2022- ANL EAST-BUR-DC OFFICE, situated at K. Narayanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows:
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TENDERS

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TRAFFIC MANAGER

Festive spirits soar high for Durga Puja in Bengaluru

The Bengali Association for the Residents of Sarjapur and HSR Area will be hosting the biggest idol in the city, towering over 20 ft.; it will be placed inside a replica of Vidhana Soudha

Leesha K. Nair
BENGALURU

From patriotism to eco-friendly themes, and musical bands, preparations have begun in the city for Durga Puja celebrations which are organised by various Bengali associations and will begin on September 30. As with all the events this year, these celebrations are also back to their full glory after two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Taking inspiration from Kolkata's oldest Durga Puja celebrations, the Bengali Association for the Residents of Sarjapur and HSR Area (BARSHA) will be hosting the biggest idol in the city, towering over 20 feet, at the Ivy Rossa 4 Seasons Hotel and Resort. To commemorate the diamond jubilee of Indian Independence, the committee has kept '75 years of Independence' as its theme this year.

The idol will be placed inside the miniature replica of Vidhana Soudha and devotees shall enter through a handmade model of India Gate. Alongside, the miniature models of various national monuments and a large Indian map showcasing the success achieved by the country since Independence will also be displayed. Adding to the attractions, 75 people will be performing a traditional Bengali Dhunuchi Dance on Ashtami night. The association will also be hosting the Bengali rock band, Fossils.

"People can easily relate to our theme and feel patriotic. It's one emotion that connects everyone irrespective of where you come from. It's not only about Durga Puja, but also about Bengaluru and Karnataka. We want to give a lot of credit to this city and State for all the love and acceptance that our culture has received here," says Priyanka Sinha Roy, head of Media and Publicity at BARSHA

Eco-friendly puja celebrations

Promoting jute products and eco-friendly puja celebrations, the RT Nagar Sarbajanin Durga Puja Samiti has decided to solely make their pandal out of jute and jute products, complying with their theme of 'Pat Madurer iti Katha (Final story of Jute mats)'. Adorning jewellery made out of jute, the idol will be kept on display at Palace grounds, Princess Green, Gate No. 9 and various Bengali bands will be performing live at the venue.

Idols of goddess Durga at a shop on R.V. Road, in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

"We want to promote an environmentally friendly celebration of Durga Puja. And our theme of using jute represents that. Jute is also rooted in our culture, as it has supported our Indian artisans and craftsmen from the lower strata of society. We want to promote eco-friendly celebrations and showcase the struggle of the artisans using our theme," said Janardan Mandal, Joint Secretary at R.T. Nagar Sarbajanin Durga Puja Samiti.

Entering its 45th year of Durga puja celebrations, the North Bangalore Cultural Samithi (NBCS) has kept its theme based on the paintings and iterations of Goddess Durga by Padma Bhushan awardee Late Jamini Roy. The idol is also being shipped from Kumartuli, Kolkata and will be kept on display at their venue, the Kali Temple in Nandini Layout. The samithi has also kept an open to all Dhunuchi naach competition for the attendees.

Unlike the majority of the committees, the South Bangalore Cultural Association (SBCA) has decided to celebrate the festival sans any theme. The association aims to house a 12 feet idol with human-like features at the Ramalingeshwara cave temple in Hulimavu to honour 25 years of hosting Durga Puja celebrations. Various artists from the country including bands such as Veda and Krosswindz, singers Spandan Ghosh and Sonali Banerjee, folk singer Partha Chowdhury, along with sitar player Anindya Banerjee will also be performing live.

Apart from these, puja organising committees in the city have kept free bhoj for all devotees along with a free potluck called Anandamela on September 30. Food stalls, flea markets, live performances, in-house cultural competitions, magic shows, comedy shows and many more will be a part of the 10-day festival at the pandals.

Mysuru-by-night is turning into the highlight of Dasara 2022

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Awash with a million lights, Mysuru is astounding tourists and locals alike as they see the city in a new hue. The Dasara illumination covers a stretch of 124 km this year besides 96 circles that have been tastefully lit up.

The lights are on from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., providing ample time for the public to soak in the grandeur of the heritage city at leisure. Going by the initial response, it appears that the illumination is set to steal the Dasara thunder.

Office of the Divisional Railway Manager in Mysuru is among the buildings that have been illuminated for Dasara. M.A. SRIRAM

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has been vested with the responsibility of illuminating Mysuru. The Karnataka government has released ₹4.5 crore exclusively for the purpose this year. Though work on putting up lights is yet to be completed, the bulk of the work has been completed. Roads are getting choked with people driving slowly along the illuminated streets to soak in the experience.

Mysuru has over 200 heritage buildings spread across the city, but not all of them are in the public domain; many are private properties. But the monuments that have defined the cityscape and are known to be landmarks, have been illuminated. This includes the Chamaraja Circle adjoining the palace in the core heritage zone.

The route of the procession, or the Jamboo Savari, too has been illuminated with decorative motifs on either side of the road.

KSTDC is operating Mysuru sightseeing on Ambari (open top bus) from Hotel Mayura Hoysala. The route covers the bulk of the illuminated buildings and routes.

Seats can be booked online at kstdc.co.

Tourism matters

Folk artists in colourful costumes at the World Tourism Day event held in Mysuru on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

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INBRIEF

Is crackdown on PFI 'diversionary tactic', asks HDK

Urging the State government to come clean on the midnight arrests of PFI leaders and workers, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday said that otherwise it would be construed as "diversionary tactics" of the government that is facing the PayCM campaign of the Congress.

Stating that such a crackdown in the State should not create fear, he told presspersons here, "It is not clear whether the midnight arrests by the police were based on police information or on the direction of the government." He said that if there is genuine information about anti-social elements, such information should be shared with people.

PM likely to visit Bengaluru for unveiling Kempe Gowda statue

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Bengaluru on November 10 to unveil the 108-feet bronze statue of Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda on the premises of Bengaluru International Airport in Devanahalli.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Vice-Chairman of Kempe Gowda Heritage Area Development Authority, is overseeing the progress of the work related to the statue installation and theme park which is being developed around the statue on an area of over 20 acres. The statue has been sculpted by Ram Suthar from Noida.

Police crack down on PFI and SDPI activists, take 90 into preventive custody

These detentions follow the recent action against the two organisations across the country by the National Investigation Agency and police force of various States, including Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 90 workers and office-bearers of Popular Front of India (PFI) and Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) were taken into preventive custody across Karnataka.

"In a special eight-hour operation carried out across the State from 3 a.m. to 11 a.m., as many as 90 people who could disturb public order have been detained," Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, (Law and Order), said. Preventive detentions were made under Sections 107 and 110 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), based on information that the person is likely to commit a breach of peace or disturb public tranquility.

These detentions follow the recent crackdown on PFI and SDPI across the country by the National Investigation Agency and various State police forces including Karnataka. On Tuesday too, several State police forces cracked down on the members of the two organisations and made several arrests and preventive detentions. The State police raided several premises across eight districts of the State including Bengaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Hassan, Shivamogga, Belagavi and Yadgir.

Police detaining PFI and SDPI workers during a protest against the raid by NIA, in Hubballi. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Kumar said Tuesday's action was based on specific by NIA and field level inputs by local police. A senior official said there was intelligence from Central agencies that workers of the two organisations were planning mega protests across the country, where they have a strong hold against NIA and police action later this week. "Intelligence inputs suggest that these protests could turn violent. So preventive detentions of the second line of leadership of these organisations have been made to prevent a flare up," the official said.

Detainees were produced before the respective local tahsildars and asked to furnish two bonds and an undertaking to desist from participating in any form of violent protest. They were remanded into judicial custody for a week.

CM Basavaraj Bommai sought to downplay the raids, calling them preventive measures taken by the police through tahsildars.

UAPA too?

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru police who registered an FIR for "waging war against the State" against 19 people, are considering Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 2008. "If UAPA, 2008, is invoked, it will create grounds for the case to be handed over to the NIA for further investigation," a senior officer said.

Husband of PSI scam accused gets bail

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

The Kalaburagi Bench of the High Court of Karnataka, on Tuesday, granted bail to Rajesh Hagaragi, husband of Divya Hagaragi and president of Gyan Jyoti English Medium School, from where the malpractice and irregularities in the examination for the 545 Police Sub-Inspector posts were reported.

Earlier bail had been rejected for Rajesh Hagaragi, as he is the husband of Divya Hagaragi, the alleged kingpin in the PSI recruitment scam.

Judge M.G. Uma granted bail to Rajesh and cautioned him not to leave the jurisdiction without obtaining permission from the court and warned him against tampering with the evidence. While public prosecutor Kiran Jawali opposed the bail, alleging that there are serious allegations against the applicant, senior advocate Avinash Uploankar and advocate Rajesh Doddmani argued that the court has granted bail to one of the accused Mallikarjun Melkundi, who was facing the similar charges as of the applicant.

After hearing the arguments of both sides, the court granted bail to Rajesh Hagaragi as there were no serious charges against him, except Section 212 of the IPC for harbouring a prime accused.

Investigation Officer, DY.SP Prakash Rathod, filed a 1,974-page chargesheet in connection with the scam and around 51 persons were arrested.

Office of the Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement T.No.CE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/21/2022-23, Dated : 27-9-2022

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O/o Commissioner and Director of Agrl.Marketing, Govt.of A.P, Guntur.

Educate officials on environmental laws with help of NLSIU, HC tells KSPCB Chairperson

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Noticing procedural lapses by the officials of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board in initiating prosecution for violation of environmental laws, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the board's chairperson to educate officials on these laws by taking the help of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru.

Also, the court directed the board to to initiate action as per that law against a Deputy Environmental Officer (DEO) who was responsible for filing 'defective complaint' before the judicial magistrate against a stone crushing unit operator without following the mandatory provision in the law.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while quashing the criminal proceeding initiated in 2015 against B.V. Byregowda, proprietor of a stone crushing unit for violating certain provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and the cognisance of offences taken by a judicial magistrate, Bengaluru Rural district.

The court found that the board in 2007 had delegated the power of filling cases under the provisions of the Air Act and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, to the DEOs and Assistant Environmental Officers with a specific condition that cases have to be filed 'after getting approval from the Chairperson.'

And this condition of 'getting approval from the Chairperson' is not a mere administrative formality but a statutory 'condition precedent' imposed as per the Section 15 Air Act, which allows imposing condition while delegating powers of the board to its officials.

However, the court found that in the case the DFO had failed to take the approval of the Chairperson for prosecuting the petitioner, and the judicial magistrate too had not applied mind before taking cognisance of offences.

Observing that the board should take steps to ensure that cases are not quashed for want of following of procedure by its officials, the court directed the board's chairperson to submit the details of topics to be covered and materials to be provided to the officials while conducting workshops to educate and train them in environmental laws.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
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P.Q TENDER FORM: LUMPSUM CONTRACT - TWO COVER SYSTEM - ITEM WISE RATE

TENDER NOTICE No. 49 CE/DO.4/TEC/2022-23 Dated: 23.09.2022

For and on behalf of The Governor of Tamilnadu, Two cover system sealed Tenders viz., Pre Qualification Bid and Financial Bid in separate covers both inserted in single cover will be received upto 3.00pm on 28.10.2022 from the TNPWD Registered Contractors by the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education Circle, Chennai 25, for the following work and Pre-qualification Bid will be opened on the same day at 3.30 P.M.

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
1.	Construction of New Building for Government Arts and Science College at Thulaiyanur village in Thirumayam Taluk of Pudukottai District.	1126.00	573000/-	15 months

Contractor Class: - Revised class I: monetary limit upto 25 crores, with experience in similar nature of work. Last Date for receipt of tenders: Upto 3.00 PM on **28.10.2022,** Date of opening of tender: at **3.30 PM** on the same day, Date of availability of tender documents: **29.09.2022 to 27.10.2022, 5.45 PM** in CE office before 5.45pm. The cost of tender Schedule Rs.15000 + GST 2700/-. Tender documents & other details are download in "www.tenders.tn.gov.in" at free of cost. Any other details can be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education circle, Chennai 25 during working hours. EMD in favour of Executive Engineer, Technical Education Division,Trichy. If the date of receipt of tenders happens to be a holiday the tender will be received on the next working day.

DIPR/4259/Tender/2022
'சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்'

for Chief Engineer, PWD,Technical Education Circle, Chennai 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. SRINIVAS K. N. S/o G.Narayan, aged about 37 years Aadharr No : 4733 02550687 R/at : # 263, Near BBMP office, Kodigehalli, Sahakar Nagara Post, Bangalore-560092 The Notice is hereby given to public is hereby informed that Im intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner K.Adhavan, R/at #6, 4th Cross, Nagendra Garden Sri Rampura, Bangalore.
Any person having any right title interest client are demand whatsoever in respect of the said property by way of sale inheritance bequest, exchange, gift, possession trust, mortgage, or under any agreement of sale or power of Attorney option whatsoever or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to made the same known righting to the documentary of proof thereof there of undersigned at the address mention herein below within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title interest claim or demand and the same shall be deem to have been waived to all interest and proposes claim without documentary proof and/ or objections directly published in newspaper shall not be considered as valid.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property Katha No: 202, Site No : 76 situated at Laggere Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore Now becomes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, 75 Shankaramat Ward, Lakshmi Nagara, 3rd Cross, PID No: 202, Site No : 76/1 measuring at 40X15 Feet bounded as follows; East by : Road, West by : Property No 75, North by : Property No 76, South by : Property No 77.

Advocate:
Mr.Channakeshava. H.
Mobile No: 9945974134
Mr.Srinivas K. N.
Mobile No : 9886255558

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:908/BGK/Tr(W&M)/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-53/4027-35 Date: 26.09.2022

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

1) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/SEE/SHIFT/PACKAGE/34/CALL-2** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift helpers and minor maintenance works at 220kV Sub-station located at **Bagalkote (Package-34)** in TL&SSM Division Bagalkote.

2) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/PT/BABALESHWAR/2022-23/08 CALL-3** for Tender for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of faulty Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 110/33-11kV, SPEC make, Sl.No. ST-42305 year of manufacture 2011 lying at 110/33/11kV Substation **Babaleshwar** in Babaleshawar Taluk, Vijayapur district on total turnkey and Percentage basis.

3) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/PT/TERDAL/2022-23/09/CALL-3** for Tender for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of faulty Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 110/33-11kV, EMCO make, Sl.No. HT-1712/2138 year of manufacture 2006-07 lying at 110/33/11kV Substation **Terdal** in Terdal Taluk, Bagalkot District on total turnkey and Percentage basis.

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notifications regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **"https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/"** on or after **28.09.2022.** .

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Sector No.45,
Navanagara, Bagalakote - 587103.

Demclinic launched for dementia patients, families

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With September being observed as World Alzheimer's Month, Nightingales Medical Trust (NMT) launched DEMCLINIC, a continuous care clinic for dementia. The Demclinic programme is designed to help people with dementia and their families meet the complex medical, behavioral, and social needs of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

Radha S. Murthy, managing trustee of NMT, said the programme would offer access to diagnosis, post-diagnostic care, and support. It will allow people a face-to-face assessment with specialists, neuropsychological testing, personalised care plans, follow-up care after initial diagnosis, online interventions, access to community resources, education, guidance, and support. "Continuum of care is the unique feature of this platform. The programme will follow a co-management model that works closely with the primary care provider and clinicians," she said. Family carers and senior citizens can visit www.demclinic.com to know more and register.

Chikkamagaluru hill stations bathed in hues of purple and blue

Sathish G.T.
CHIKKAMAGALURU

The Neelakurinji flowers that blossom once in many years have turned the green patches of hill stations in Chikkamagaluru into purple-blue, thus attracting hundreds of visitors. For over 20 days, thousands of people have visited Seethalayyana Giri, Mullayyanagiri, and Bababudangiri in the Chandradrona Range of the hills.

The narrow roads of the hill station were flooded with vehicles on the weekend. Last Sunday, by 10 a.m., more than 200 vehicles had crossed the checkpost at Kaimara near Chikkamagaluru. By afternoon, the parking yards were full and traffic was moving at a snail's pace.

"The traffic on the weekend towards the hill stations is high normally. Due to the neelakurinji flowers, the number of visitors has multiplied. Visitors are coming from faraway places," said Prasanna, a local taxi driver.

Neelakurinji, a shrub, is found in shola forests of the Western Ghats. Taxonomists, who visited the site, identified it as *Strobilanthes sessilis*. The one normally found in Munnar is *Strobilanthes kunthiana*.

Visitors taking pictures on a hill adorned by neelakurinji flowers, that bloom once in 12 years, at Seethalayyana Giri Hill Range in Chikkamagaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

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R. Parimala, retired professor of Botany and taxonomist from Dharwad, was in the hill station last week to study the flowers. "I have travelled wherever neelakurinji flowers blossom in Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. For the first time I have seen the flowers in such a vast expanse in Karnataka," she said.

The shrub is endemic to the Western Ghats. There are many varieties of the plant and a few varieties are seen in Karnataka. "It is a great opportunity to see the flowers that blossom once in 12 years. The area should be guarded and the visitors should be educated about its special features," Dr. Parimala said.

The flowers have attracted hundreds of amateur photographers too. Shivashankar Banagar, a noted photographer from Hosapete, said he was disappointed as he saw some people taking plants home. "They don't understand the plants don't grow in their garden," he said.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044

No:KBJNL/ALBC-Dn/DM/TND/Roads/NLIS/2022-23/1676 Date: 23.09.2022

ADDENDUM/ CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

Vide under this office tender Notification No: KBJNL/ALBC-Dn/DM/TND/Roads/NLIS/2022-23/1596 Date: 05.09.2022, tender for **Improvements and Developments of Aycut Roads Under Command Area of Nagarbetta LIS in Muddebihal Taluk, Vijayapura District (Indent-23034)** was invited. Due to un-avoidable technical reasons the calendar of events are rescheduled as below.

Event of Tender	Previous dates	Modified dates
Access and Submission	13.09.2022 to 23.09.2022 up to 5.00 PM	Up to 30.09.2022 up to 5.00 PM
Pre-bid meeting	17.09.2022 at 11.00 AM	-
Opening of cover-I (Technical Bid)	23.09.2022 at 11.00 AM	03.10.2022 at 11.00 Am
Opening of cover-II (Financial Bid)	03.10.2022 at 11.00 AM	10.10.2022 at 11.00 Am

The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam and www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
ALBC Division, Almatti

Telangana Police to continue anti-Maoist combing operations

The Hindu Bureau
JAYASHANKAR BHUPALPALLY

To bolster the operations, the police have reportedly pressed into service a few sniffer dogs

Even as the CPI (Maoist)'s week-long celebrations of its 18th anniversary drew to a close on Tuesday, the district police in coordination with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel continued joint combing and area domination operations in the forest fringe areas of Mahadevpur and Palmela mandals in Telangana

To bolster the anti-Maoist operations, the police have reportedly pressed into service a few sniffer dogs, specially trained to detect explosives, to aid the joint squads of the police and the CRPF jawans in combing operations and anti-sabotage checks in the forest fringe areas in the border mandals, sources said.

Last week saw intensive patrolling and area domination operations by the police in the Mahadevpur and Palmela forest areas straddling the inter-State boundary with Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh.

Following the arrest of a Maoist sympathiser along with a country-made pistol at Regonda on Friday, the police ramped up vigil in the interior areas of the district.

No headway at MHA meeting between Telangana and A.P.

The Union Home Ministry tried to resolve the pending bifurcation issues between the two Telugu States but both of them stayed firm in their respective stances on crucial issues

M Rajeev
HYDERABAD

Somesh Kumar

The meeting convened by the Union Home Ministry to resolve the pending bifurcation issues between the two Telugu States – Telangana and Andhra Pradesh – did not make much headway as the two States stayed firm on their respective stances on crucial issues such as division of Schedule X institutions, A.P. State Finance Corporation and division of Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

Court cases filed by the two States in respect of division of some institutions as well as the definition of headquarters resulted in the stalemate with the Union Home Secretary asking the Ministry to examine the issues in consultation with the Law Department keeping in view of the orders given by the High Court. The Telangana delegation led by Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar made a strong case pertaining to the division of the erstwhile APSFC claiming that the Centre did not act on its request for reconstitution of the corporation's board. The State sought reconstitution of the board as the then board of the APSFC prepared bifurcation plan unilaterally while the A.P. government had approached the High Court against resumption of 238 acre land resulting in a *status quo* on the issue.

Representatives of A.P. contended that the Union government should keep aside the land issue and take up the remaining issues. However, Telangana objected to the contention.

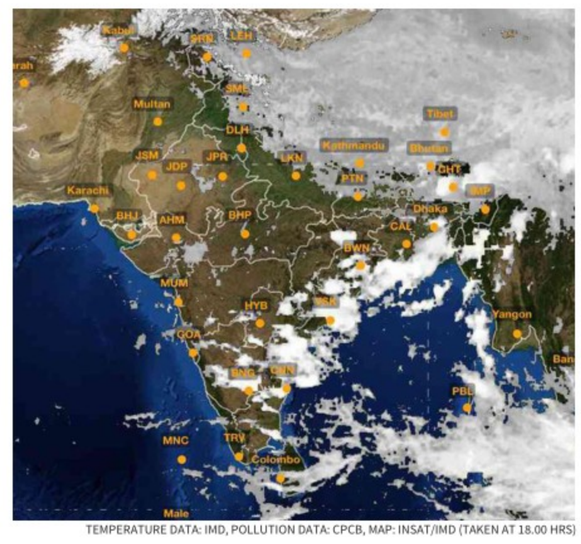
The Chief Secretary recalled the speaking order issued by the Home Ministry in respect of bifurcation of Schedule X institutions that cash balances between the two States would be divided on population ratio and assets on location basis.

The division of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) yet again figured in the discussion with A.P. government seeking bifurcation of the SCCL.

In respect of the division of cash and bank balance, the Home Secretary directed the two States to take the help of the Comptroller and Auditor General for settling them.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, east Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Marathwada, interior Karnataka and Rayalaseema

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.8	34.6	26.0	Kozhikode	—	32.1	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	34.6	25.0	Kurnool	—	32.6	24.0
Aizawl	39.3	27.0	18.6	Lucknow	0.2	33.4	24.4
Allahabad	—	34.5	25.0	Madurai	—	37.5	24.7
Bengaluru	13	27.7	20.6	Mangaluru	1.1	29.8	23.4
Bhopal	—	32.0	22.0	Mumbai	3	30.0	24.4
Bhubaneswar	—	33.7	24.5	Mysuru	—	31.2	18.6
Chandigarh	—	33.4	23.1	New Delhi	—	33.6	22.4
Chennai	32	33.6	25.9	Patna	1	32.8	25.2
Coimbatore	—	32.6	23.0	Port Blair	14	30.8	24.7
Dehradun	—	31.8	20.2	Puducherry	—	34.1	25.0
Gangtok	12	19.9	16.3	Pune	0.3	30.4	21.8
Goa	—	32.4	23.6	Raipur	—	34.0	25.4
Guwahati	—	35.3	24.4	Ranchi	12	31.2	21.0
Hubballi	—	31.0	19.0	Shillong	29	23.1	15.5
Hyderabad	35	31.7	20.2	Shimla	—	23.0	13.6
Imphal	—	31.7	20.1	Srinagar	—	28.9	11.6
Jaipur	0.2	34.8	24.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.2	24.6
Kochi	—	30.6	25.2	Tiruchi	—	34.1	25.0
Kohima	26	26.2	16.4	Vijayawada	—	33.8	24.0
Kolkata	—	34.5	27.2	Visakhapatnam	12	34.0	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.33	..54	31	..37	..66	
Bengaluru	...7	..—	69	..44	..122	
Chennai	...3	..37	97	..89	...79	
Delhi	.23	..70	65	..93	..316	
Hyderabad	.10	...3	94	..63	...80	
Kolkata	...8	..25	30	..36	...54	
Lucknow	...9	..39	88	..63	...79	
Mumbai	.16	..80	20	..58	..102	
Pune	..—	..35	89	..—	...—	
Visakhapatnam	.17	..41	13	..63	...93	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 264 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

AIADMK veteran expelled from party

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

AIADMK veteran and former Minister Panruti S. Ramachandran, who was publicly criticising interim general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami's handling of the party affairs, was expelled from the party on Tuesday.

Mr. Palaniswami made the announcement in a release. He said the action was taken against Mr. Ramachandran for breaching the party discipline.

BJP president privately meets Kerala Catholic archbishops

Hiran Unnikrishnan
KOTTAYAM

J.P. Nadda

Amid reports about the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stepping up its efforts to woo the Catholic vote bank in Central Travancore, a closed-door meeting held between party president J.P. Nadda and two Catholic archbishops here a couple of days ago is triggering speculations in political circles.

Official sources said the meeting was held on the premises of Caritas Hospital on Sunday . Lasting less than an hour, it was attended by Knanaya Catholic Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt and Metropolitan Archbishop of Changanassery Mar Joseph Perumthottam.

When contacted, a spokesperson of the Changanassery Archdiocese said the meeting was strictly informal. While both the Church and the BJP leadership have remained tight-lipped on what transpired, official sources attribute the development to the proposed formation of a BJP-backed Christian organisation in Kerala.

A meeting of the Bharatiya Christian Sangamam, held at Kochi on September 17, is widely regarded as a primary step in this direction.

The BJP has been consistent in its attempts to leverage the key issues raised by the Catholic Church such as 'love jihad' and 'narcotic jihad' to its benefit.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients Mrs. Mary Daisy Rita and Mr.A.Navaneethan Residing at No.94, situated at 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Viveknagar Further Extension, Bangalore 560 047 are purchasing the schedule mentioned property from the owner Mr.A.Ramamurthy, any person having objection in the said transaction may file their objection before the undersigned advocate within seven days from the date of this notice failing which the transaction shall be completed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.94/A, situated at 4th Main, Sonnenahalli Further Extension, 65th Division, Viveknagar, Bangalore 560 047. Measuring North to South 6.20 Mtrs and East to West 8.70 Mtrs totally measuring 53.95 Sq Mtrs. Bounded on:
East by : Road, West by : Site No.93,
North by : Site No.71/A, South by :Site No.94.

J. RAVINDRAN, Advocate
No.310, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Viveknagar, Bangalore - 569947. Mobile : 9900609429

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mrs Gladys J Residing at Flat No.T1, 3rd Floor, KBN Pleasant Paradise Apartment, Horamavu Agra Main Road, Bangalore 560 043, had lost the original absolute sale deed No.KRI-1-18782-2006-07, stored in CD No.KRID 248, Dated 02.09.2006, registered before the senior sub registrar, K.R.Puram Bangalore, pertaining to the below mentioned property somewhere in Hennur area
In this regard a police complaint has also been registered at Hennur Police station, anybody finding the documents or having possession of the said documents may hand it over to my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property All that piece and parcel of property portion bearing property No.73, Site No.65, Khatha No.73/65, Situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahallu Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 36 Feet and North to South 34 Feet in total 1224 Sqft. Bounded on:
East by : Site No.64, West by : Site No.65/1.
North by : Private Property, South by : Road

J. RAVINDRAN, Advocate
No.310, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Viveknagar, Bangalore - 569947. Mobile : 9900609429

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ID, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi-576103
Telephone& Fax 0820-2532961 Email: pfdudupi@gmail.com
No. EE/ P&F/ DN/ UDUPI/ AE / Notification-12/2022-23 Date: 23.09.2022.

Invitation for tenders (IFT) Two cover system Short Term Tender Notification (3rd Call)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in E-Procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Name of work and Indent Number: (1) Development of Gurupura River Islands in Karnataka, Amount put to Tender **Rs. 6,87,51,210.92**, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount): Rs. 10.31 lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs.9.31 lakh as mentioned in bid document.) Last date for quarries: **07-10-2022 at 16.00 hours**, Date of receipt of Tender: **10-10-2022 at 17.00 hours**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADU/MCA/456/22-23 Dt.27.09.2022

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
MASTER CONTROL FACILITY
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
PB#66, HASSAN-573201.

DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. Oh behalf of President of India, 'Division Head, Civil Construction & Maintenance Division, MCF' invites applications from bidders for the following work in Item rate tender on e-tendering mode.

Name of work	**Minor civil works for installation of RMU, Construction of Masonry cable trench from ES11 to ES9 at MCF Hassan & shed for the 40k VA DG set in Antharikshanagar.**
NIT No	**MCF/CMG/H/eTN-21/2022-23/1-1193 Dtd: 23.09.2022**
Estimated Cost put ot tender	**Rs. 1,864,359.96**
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**05 Months**
Earnest Mondey Deposit	**Rs. 37,287/-**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	From: **27.09.2022 10.00 hrs** To: **07.10.2022 23.59 hrs.**
Bid clarifications	From: **27.09.2022 10.01 hrs** To: **09.10.2022 23.59 hrs.**
Last date & time of reply to Bid clarification	**10.10.2022 17.30 hrs.**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**11.10.2022 23.59 hrs.**
Due date & time of opening of technical bid	**17.10.2022 11.30 hrs Onwards**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details which can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in** & **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.** Tenderers may please participate in the tender through the website **"www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO"**

Sd/- Division Head-CCMD

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-98(10)/22-23/6477-78 Dt: 27.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No. **KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/ BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-21 dated: 18.08.2022** for "**Procurement of LTAC & DCDB panel required for various 220kV & 66/11kV Sub-stations coming under BMAZ(N)-Call-2**" pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **30.09.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement- KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr(M.), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009. Phone: 22386686-85

Government of Karnataka
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.
No. EE/PWD/HSN/AE-2/2022-23/ DATED: 27.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:14/2022-23, Dated 27.09.2022

Tenders are invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-2, 3 and 4 from the eligible registered contractors of Karnataka PWD and Contractors belonging to SC category resident of Karnataka for not less than 10 years, through E-procurement pertains to 10 works under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Out of which 01 work is reserved for SC category. In this tender notification maximum tender amount is Rs.400.00 lakhs and minimum tender amount is Rs.25.00 lakhs. Last date of Receipt of tender is 12.10.2022. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/3855 DATE: 26/09/2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 3 works under head of account 5054-SH Improvements and 2 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements Total No. 5 works Amount put to tender is Minimum of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs and Maximum of Rs. 160.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 06-10-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed.2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 07-10-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 10-10-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 12-10-2022 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-915/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

E-Tender Notification

(Two Cover System - Only through e-procurement portal)
No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/Work_Indent 12578/Call 3 Date: 24-09-2022
Tenders are invited from reputed bidders through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **" Servicing of 10 kL, 6 kL, 5 kL, 2.4 kL transformer oil filter machines including replacement of spares " EMD:** ₹ 28,185/-. **Last date for submission of bids (both cover 1 & 2) along with documents:** 10-10-2022, 17:00 hrs. Bid documents can be downloaded from the above GOK e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of: **The Superintending Engineer (EM)-2, RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District.** Mobile: 9449596534/9449596491

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು–572104
ಖನಿಜ ಭವನ, ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ ಲೇಔಟ್, ಬದ್ದಿಹಳ್ಳಿ, ರಿಂಗ್ ರೋಡ್, ತುಮಕೂರು.
ದೂ: 0816–2955761, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: dmgtumkur@gmail.com
ಸಂ: ಗಭೂಇ/ಉನಿತು/ಅ.ತಿ.ದಿ/ಇ–ಹರಾಜು/ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–02/2022–23 ದಿ: 22.09.2022

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಶಿರಾ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ತಾವರೆಕೆರೆ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಸಮುಚ್ಚಯದ ಆವರಣ, ತಿಪಟೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಚೌಡ್ಲಾಪುರ ತನಿಖಾ ಠಾಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುಬ್ಬಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹಿಂಡಸ್ಕೆರೆ ಕಾವಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಡಬ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಸ.ನಂ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅನಧಿಕೃತ ಅಲಂಕಾರಿಕ ಶಿಲೆ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆ/ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾದ ಒಟ್ಟು 126 ಶಿಲಾದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇಮಾಡಲು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಟಾಸ್ಕ್ ಫೋರ್ಸ್ (ಗಣಿ) ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 126 ಅಲಂಕಾರಿಕ ಶಿಲಾ ದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇ ಮಾಡಲು "ಎಲ್ಲಿದೆಯೋ, ಹೇಗಿದೆಯೋ ಹಾಗೆ" ಷರತ್ತು ವಿಧಿಸಿ, ಇ–ಪ್ರೆಕ್ಯೂಮೆರ್ಂಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಹರಾಜು ಕುರಿತು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10.10.2022 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00ರಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2:00 ರವರೆಗೆ** ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 126 ಅಲಂಕಾರಿಕ ಶಿಲಾ ದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಅಂದಾಜು 551.0312 ಘನ ಮೀಟರ್ (1585.226 ಮೆ.ಟನ್) ಹಾಗೂ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೌಲ್ಯ **ರೂ. 16,63,564/– ಗಳು** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇ–ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಚಿಸುವವರು ಇ– ಹರಾಜಿನ ನಿಯಮ, ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಇ–ಪ್ರೆಕ್ಯೂಮೆರ್ಂಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿರುವ ಇ–ಹರಾಜನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡು, ಕಲ್ಲುದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳು ಇರುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ಕಲ್ಲುದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, ಕಲ್ಲುದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳ ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಲುದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ರಸ್ತೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ವತಃ ಸ್ಥಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಖಚ್ಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹಾಗೂ ಖಾತರಿಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ನಂತರ ಆಸಕ್ತರು ತಮ್ಮ ವಾಸಸ್ಥಳ ದೃಢೀಕರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಆಧಾರ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್, ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಗುರುತಿನ ಚೀಟಿ, ಪಾನ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್, ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ GST ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ EMD ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ. 4,15,891/–** ಗಳನ್ನು online ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ **e-procurement portal https:://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನ ಇ–ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇ–ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ, ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಬಿಡ್ದಾರರಾಗುವವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಹರಾಜಿನ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವಿಧ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳಾದ ರಾಜಧನ, ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಎಫ್, ಟಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಶುಲ್ಕಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಖನಿಜ ಭವನ, ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ ಲೇಔಟ್, ಬಡ್ಡಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ರಿಂಗ್ ರೋಡ್, ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ರವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0816–2955761 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದೆಂದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರು
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಟಾಸ್ಕ್ ಫೋರ್ಸ್ (ಗಣಿ), ತುಮಕೂರು.

DIPR/TUM/552/MCA/2022-23

TELANGANA STATE
INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED (TSIIC)
6th Floor, Parisrama Bhavan, Fateh Maidan Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, Telangana 500004. Phone No-040-23237625, www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in
Notice No. 001/TSIIC/HPC/EOI/2022-23 **Dated: 27.09.2022**

Request for
GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited invites proposals from reputed firms to undertake Planning, detailed Engineering & Designing, Financing, Construction, Marketing and Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of a District Heating System with a capacity of (600 TPH-3 x 200 TPH), associated Gas Turbine Generator (Co-generation) with 210 MW capacity (3 x 70 MW) and all other associated components such as network of pipes for steam and condensate within Zone 3 area within Hyderabad Pharma City, Telangana, India, preferably on DBFOT mode (or) any other modes including EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) mode.

Interested firms may download the **Request for Global Expression of Interest** document from the website of TSIIC @ www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in. The last date for submission of proposals is **on or before 16:00 hours IST on 31.10.2022.**

Sd/-
DIPR R.O. No. : 739-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Dt. 27.09.2022 **CHIEF ENGINEER**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building,
K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01 Ph. No. 080-22133370 Fax : 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com Website : www.kpwd.gov.in
Short term Tender Notification No. 22/2022-23 Date : 27.09.2022

Item-rate tenders, for the work in Hoskote Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification Published for 02 work (Rs. 201.00 and 499.00 Lakhs) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.**
Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.
(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **27.09.2022** onwards. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00 hours on dated 11.10.2022. (3)** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **12.10.2022 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimated.
For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/2391/Sreshta/2022-23 **PWD Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

Department of Public Libraries
Office of the Deputy Director, City Central Library,
South Zone, South End Circle, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011.
Phone: 080-26548829, E-mail: cclsouthzone@gmail.com
No:CCL/SZ/A2-22/House keeping/831/2022-23 Date: 21-09-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Tender in two covers system are invited through E-Procurement Portal for **Out Source House Keeping Staff (Sweepers and Scavengers) from City Central Library, South Zone, Jayanagar, Bengaluru to its under Branches and Service Station Libraries.** Firms / Companies should participate through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka.

Tender Amount **Rs. 80,00,000/- (Eighty Lakhs Only),** E.M.D. Amount for the tender is **Rs. 1,60,000/- (One Lakh Sixty Thousand Only).** To participate in the tender should login through Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last Date of Enquiry : **14-10-2022, 3.00 PM,** Last Date for Submission of Tenders is **15-10-2022 within 5.30 PM.** and Technical bid will be Opened on **17-10-2022 at 3.00 PM.** and Financial bid Opening will be intimated. The bidders may also contact undersigned for further details contact at **080-26548829** in the office during working hours.

Sd/- Deputy Director
City Central Library, South Zone,
DIPR/CP/2368/Adverto/2022-23 **Bengaluru.**

Tread carefully

Power to remove online content must be used sparingly, responsibly

The Government's order asking YouTube to remove 45 videos from 10 channels can be seen as a justified response to growing concern over the propagation of hate and communally sensitive material over the free video sharing website, but the frequent exercise of such a power is not without concerns. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has asked for the removal of the content in these videos based on intelligence inputs and the ostensible reasons are not limited to dissemination of hate against religious communities. They also relate to issues the Government considers "sensitive": references to Kashmir, the Agnipath scheme, and what it says are false claims about the rights of religious minorities being taken away and dissemination of material portending civil war. If these claims are true, and if the content transgresses the boundaries of free speech or threatens public order and security, such takedown orders may be justified. However, the manner of their passing remains an unrevealed process, as it is not known if the originators of the content were given an opportunity to explain their stand before the blocking orders were issued. Section 69A of the IT Act, which empowers the Government to block content, was upheld by the Supreme Court only after it noted that the rules provided procedural safeguards, including the need to issue notice to the originators or the intermediary, before a blocking order.

The latest order invokes the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. It has a procedure by which an inter-departmental committee considers complaints on content and makes recommendations. The Authorised Officer has to take the approval of the Secretary, I&B, before directing the publisher or intermediary to block the relevant content. There is an emergency provision under which the Secretary may order content blocking as an interim measure, and thereafter confirm it after getting the committee's views. All such blocking orders are meant to be examined by a review committee, which ought to meet once in two months, but it is not known whether the panel meets regularly. The Government, which discloses how many videos it has got removed, must also reveal the outcome of such reviews, if any. India ranks quite high in the list of countries that make regular requests for removal of online content. There is no doubt that offensive content, as hate speech, incitement to violence and child pornography – posing a challenge to the dignified use of online space – ought to be removed. However, the power to block online content must be used sparingly and with sensitivity towards key freedoms and due process.

Silver lining

Indian cricket team in the shortest format is on a roller coaster

India's fluctuating Twenty20 fortunes jumped upwards recently against the visiting Australians. Sunday's triumph at Hyderabad helped Rohit Sharma's men stage a come-from-behind 2-1 series victory. A pleasant outcome especially when juxtaposed with the grim backdrop that greeted the team in this particular series. Having failed to qualify for the Asia Cup final prior to hosting Australia, Rohit Sharma's men had many issues to address. To queer the pitch further, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was ruled out with an injury and resultant knee surgery. In a year that will soon witness the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia, every stumble in cricket's shortest format, both at the individual and team level, leads to the sharpening of knives besides triggering conspiracy theories. This being the 15th anniversary of M.S. Dhoni and company winning the inaugural ICC World T20, that glittering achievement and the subsequent title drought has only added to the pressure upon the Men in Blue. From that winning 2007 squad, only skipper Rohit and Dinesh Karthik are still part of the current squad, a testimony to their longevity besides being a pointer to the transitions that India underwent in its team composition over the last decade. And when India lost the opening T20 of the three-match series against Aaron Finch's men at Mohali, the worry lines stretched.

India's bowling, especially its fast bowlers, struggled; but the runs that Hardik Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav hustled offered some optimism as the caravan moved to Nagpur while dark clouds gathered. Eventually when the weather took a turn for the better, an eight-over-a-side contest was staged and in this micro-combat, India drew level. Rohit atop the batting tree and finisher Karthik, joined forces to get past a nervy chase. In an allegedly young man's game, it was the old guard that prevailed. And in the climax at Hyderabad, India reiterated its home credentials, humbling the Aussies while controlling the chase. Virat Kohli's form, Yadav's chutzpah and left-arm spinner Axar Patel's consistency all combined well to yield a fine win. If Jadeja was missed, Jasprit Bumrah's comeback was keenly watched. Even if the spearhead was not at his incisive best, he can only improve in the lead-up to the T20 World Cup. Catches being dropped is another blemish that India could well avoid as it chases glory. Just as Finch's men departed, South Africa arrived for a set of three T20s and three ODIs. The limited overs' preparation continues, as next year's ODI World Cup in India is another prize that the team will be under pressure to win.

Permanent membership of the UNSC is another story

There is a buzz in India about the prospects of the country becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. India's External Affairs Minister has been actively canvassing for the country's candidature, meeting his counterparts from several countries. He has repeated the call, made often in the past, for a text-based negotiation on what has been euphemistically referred to as the reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), i.e., negotiation on a written document outlining the proposed reform instead of just holding forth verbally.

The five permanent members of the UNSC – China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States – constitute what is the last, most exclusive club in international relations. All other clubs have been breached. Until a quarter century ago, the nuclear weapon club had five members, the same five as the P-5. India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel have since joined the club. The P-5 could do nothing to stop the latter countries from forcing themselves into membership of the nuclear club. But the permanent membership of the Security Council is another story.

Chinmaya R. Gharekhan

is former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

Declarations that deserve scepticism

The inescapable fact is that none of the P-5 wants the UNSC's ranks to be increased. One or the other of them might make some noise about supporting one or more of the aspirants. Each is confident that someone among them will torpedo the enlargement of the club. Declarations of support for India's candidature need to be taken with a fistful of salt.

When delegations of 50 countries were drafting the Charter of the future United Nations at Dumbarton Oaks near Washington DC in 1944-45, the article regarding the Security Council, particularly the right of veto, was the subject of maximum debate and controversy.

> There should be no illusion about how states view membership in the United Nations Security Council — India must realise that it is all about national interest

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Many countries opposed it. The British representative made it clear: either you have a United Nations with veto or there will be no United Nations. The other participating nations had to lump it. The chief Indian delegate said that it was better to have an imperfect United Nations than not to have one.

Intricacies of membership

There is considerable unhappiness among membership at large in the UN about the right of veto. The debate about veto is most often raked up when the western members of the P-5 club are not able to have their way. It is true that Russia, in its incarnations as the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation, has cast more vetoes (estimated to be 120 times, 'or or close to half of all vetoes') than the three western members of the club. But the western members have used their privileged position any number of times to protect Israel when the Palestinian question was being discussed. They also used veto to prevent sanctions being imposed on the apartheid regime of South Africa. There are no saints there.

India needs to be circumspect about veto. We ought to remember that the Russians have bailed India out on many occasions on the question of Kashmir. Most importantly, Russia helped India by vetoing unfavourable resolutions during the war of Bangladesh liberation in 1971. Looking ahead, we can never rule out the possibility of the Kashmir issue being raised in the Council at some time in the future. While we might expect, though not be certain of, Russia to come to our help, we must rule out either Britain or America from casting a negative vote against Pakistan. Going by the Chinese position of repeatedly blocking India's efforts to include confirmed Pakistani terrorists in the sanctions list, we can be sure of Chinese hostility towards us for a long time.

There are four declared candidates for permanent membership: India, Japan, Brazil and Germany, called the G-4. Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean are unrepresented in the permanent category at present. Africa's claim for two permanent seats has wide understanding and support, but the Africans have yet to decide which two countries these are to be. As for India, we can discount Pakistan's opposition; China will not support India nor will it ever support Japan. Brazil has regional opponents and claimants. As for Germany, Italy is firmly opposed to its claim. Italy has an interesting argument. If Germany and Japan – both Axis powers during the Second World War, and hence 'enemy' states – were to join as permanent members, that would leave out only Italy, the third founding member of the Axis group. In any case there are already three western nations among the P-5. Even if India enjoyed near universal support, there is no way that India alone can be elected; it will have to be a package deal involving countries from other groups.

There is quite a debate going on about whether the aspiring countries should accept permanent membership without the right of veto. There is no ambiguity regarding the position of the P-5. Every one of them is firmly opposed to conferring the veto power to any prospective new permanent member. Not just the P-5. The vast majority of members do not want any more veto-wielding members in the Council. There is a proposal to the effect that a resolution can be defeated only by a negative vote of at least two permanent members. This also is a non-starter; the P-5 are firmly opposed to any dilution of their privileged position.

Changing the membership of the Council requires amending the Charter. This involves consent of two-thirds of the total membership of the U N, including the concurring votes of P-5. This means that each of the five has a veto. The Charter was amended once in the 1960s to enlarge the Council by additional non-permanent seats.

Even now, if the proposal was to add a few non-permanent seats only, it would be adopted with near unanimity or even by consensus. It is the permanent category that poses the problem. One can have a good idea of the difficulty of amending the Charter by the fact that the 'enemy clause' contained in Article 107 of the Charter remains in it even though some of the enemy states such as Germany, Japan, Italy, etc. are very active members, often serve on the Council, and are close military allies of some of the victors in the war.

A new category is an idea worth considering

A distinguished group of experts suggested a few years ago that a new category of semi-permanent members should be created. Countries would be elected for a period of eight to 10 years and would be eligible for re-election. India ought to give serious consideration to this idea.

Some experts are of the opinion that India should not accept permanent membership without the right of veto. "We cannot accept second class status", is what they say. First, nobody is offering India permanent membership. Second, membership with veto power should be firmly ruled out. If by some miracle we are offered or manage to obtain permanent membership without veto, we must grab it. Even a permanent membership without veto will be tremendously helpful in protecting our interests. For, there should be no illusion about how states view membership in the Council. It is all about national interest; nobody is there for any worthy cause such as human rights or even war and peace. India will be and should be no different.

Energising India-Nepal ties, the hydropower way

On August 18, 2022, the Investment Board Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India's National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited to develop the West Seti and Seti River (SR6) projects – a total of 1,200 MW.

Interestingly, nearly four years have passed since China's withdrawal from the project before Nepal decided to grant the project to India. Considering that hydro-power cooperation is a pillar in India-Nepal relations, there is a need to reflect on these questions: what does the decision offer to India and Nepal? What are the shared concerns and common interests? What are the options and alternatives?

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Many hurdles

Historically, the 750MW West Seti Hydroelectric Project was thought of in the early 1980s as a 37 MW run-of-the-river scheme. Nepal issued the developing licence to France's Sogreah, which prepared a pre-feasibility study in 1987 proposing the scheme without building a dam.

With the project failing to see the light of the day, Australia's Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC) acquired a majority stake in the early 1990s. Between 1997-2011, attempts to make progress were affected due to investment and environmental concerns. Consequently, the China National Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation stepped in in 2009, with SMEC holding a majority stake. However, China National Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation withdrew citing a poor investment environment.

In 2011 Nepal revoked the licence of the West Seti Hydropower Company Limited in which SMEC had a majority stake, and handed it over to China. In an MoU in 2012, China's Three Gorges International Corporation was assigned to develop the project, but it withdrew in 2018, citing issues of resettlement and rehabilitation.

Subsequently, Nepal tried to develop the project by mobilising internal resources. However, increased costs resulted in further delays. Meanwhile, the project was remodelled as the West Seti and Seti River (SR6) joint storage project (1,200 MW).

> Nepal's move to involve India in completing the West Seti and Seti River (SR6) joint storage project has the potential to enhance much-needed cross-border power exchanges

Much potential

The decision to involve India is a sign that Nepal is reposing its faith in India to complete the project. If completed, it is expected to provide India the much-needed leverage in future hydropower cooperation.

The NHPC has initiated a preliminary engagement of the site with an investment of over ₹18,000 crore. It has also signed an MoU with the Power Trading Corporation Limited, India for sale of power. India is already involved in the Mahakali Treaty (6,480 MW), the Upper Karnali Project (900 MW) and the Arun Three projects (900 MW) in western and eastern Nepal, respectively. This will also help India minimise the geopolitical influence of China and firm its presence in Nepal, considering that the West Seti Hydroelectric Project was a major Chinese venture under the Belt and Road Initiative. In a tilt towards India, Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba said, "We failed to invest in this project... Since India is reluctant to purchase energy produced by Chinese companies in Nepal, we will talk with PM Modi for the engagement of Indian developers."

The project has the potential to enhance cross-border power exchanges between the two countries.

It is ironic that despite its huge hydropower potential, Nepal experiences power shortages during peak time, increasing its dependence on India to bridge the shortfall. With an estimated potential of 83,000 MW, Nepal's electricity exports to India are expected to increase foreign exchange and address the power shortage. It is estimated that if the hydropower potential is fully harnessed, Nepal can generate revenue to the tune of ₹310 billion in 2030 and ₹1,069 billion per year in 2045 by exporting electricity to India.

Similarly, India's severe deficit in coal-based thermal power plants in recent years, which meet 70% of India's electricity demand, has compelled the Government to arrange supplies through coal imports, accelerating the search for better alternatives. Given the growing energy demand, the West Seti Hydroelectric Project can provide an added alternative and viable way to address power deficits.

Steps to take

For the project to be successfully completed, options and alternatives need to be explored. First, the revised cost around the construction process has increased to $2.04 billion. Since investment-related constraints have delayed the project, there needs to be a careful study of investment scenarios, particularly a conducive investment environment, distribution and transmission network and cost of resettlement and rehabilitation, at the preliminary stage.

Second, Nepal is concerned that the electricity rates and supply from India is inadequate to meet the rising demands. To address these concerns, the new MoU has already revised the percentage share of energy that Nepal will receive free of cost from the generation projects to 21.9% from 10% (Section 6.1) and provides for discussion 'in good faith for further modalities, including Section 6.1' to make it commercially viable (Section 6.2). Further, to address domestic demand, the MoU allows Nepal to request the NHPC to sell the power generated from the projects to the domestic market before selling whole or part to the export market (Section 8.2).

Third, the project can also be extended to other regional partners under the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) framework for cross-border energy cooperation. For example, if the combined estimated hydropower potential in Nepal and Bhutan, along with the potential of Northeast India, is effectively harnessed, a cross-border energy market can be created and optimally operationalised. It will be a win-win at the bilateral and regional levels.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Livestreaming proceedings

The plan to have a dedicated platform that livestreams proceedings in the Supreme Court of India is a major step towards judicial transparency and accountability. The judiciary is one of the strongest pillars in the democratic scheme of things and such a step will also help people understand the intricacies in judicial functioning and its immense contribution to the nation. These are days when much is sought and thrust on the Indian judiciary.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

The assurance by the Chief Justice of India is heartening, and the top court of the land needs to be applauded for backing a significant development that fits in well in a high-tech era. Such a forward-looking step will only enhance the trust and confidence of the people.

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Thiruvananthapuram

Astro-tourism

I write this letter as a scientist once associated with a planetarium and also a research institute for observational sciences. A 'Dark Sky Reserve' (September 5) for Ladakh is a step in the right direction. Much like the sky over Nainital (Devasthal), the one over Hanle is most suited for night sky observations, with and without instruments. Astro-tourism has immense benefits. As foreign tourist 'observers' will be expected, the move should be towards providing world-class facilities at this spot.

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The lack of quality engineering education

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The Union Ministry of Education released the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings of 2022 in July. An analysis of the top 200 institutes of technology and engineering colleges presents a disquieting picture. The best institute in the category scored 90.04%. But the 50th best scored only 50.11%; the 100th best institute scored a mere 40.14%; and the one ranked 200th scored as little as 33.7%. One can imagine the situation of the remaining 1,049 institutions that applied but got no rank. And how terrible must be the situation in the approximately 4,500 institutions which did not even apply for the ranking?

These top-ranking institutions accommodate about 30,000 students as against the 11 lakh-12 lakh who register for the JEE Main exam. The odds to get a seat in one of the top 100 institutions are as low as 2.73%. Only 0.9% make it to one of the top 10 institutions.

Misleading headlines

Meanwhile, during the peak of the placement season, we keep seeing news about engineering graduates bagging job offers worth lakhs of rupees. Liberally embellished with encomiums like 'hard work pays' and 'institutions matter', these stories both entice prospective students and justify increasing fees. They rarely clarify that the reported packages are the rupee equivalent of U.S. salaries in dollars with no regard for the cost of living or for purchasing power parity. Those who get such placements know well that by U.S. standards, these salaries could only be regarded as decent.

They also know that their take-home salaries are only a fraction of what is mentioned in the headlines. A major proportion may comprise a sign-on bonus, a relocation allowance, restricted stock units (RSUs), and employee stock options plans (ESOPs). RSUs alone could constitute around 30% of the annual package but are typically paid over four years, with only 5% and 15% paid in the first and the second year, respectively. What appeared to be ₹30 lakh would turn out to be only ₹1.5 lakh in the first year. Sign-on bonus is rarely paid upfront; instead, it is usually disbursed over about 24 months. The base salary component is only a fraction of the total package.

Placement headlines also rarely reveal that such offers are rare, limited to only a minuscule number of graduates, and are generally confined to international placements, mostly in the Information Technology sector. Of the about 30,000 students graduating from premier technology institutions, not more than 100 bag such offers.

But who bothers about such details? Most parents dream of ₹1 crore plus placements for their children, unmindful of the immense stress that they put their young ones through. This triggers a mindless rat race to get students into institutions of national importance. Students chase quality institutions, which, to them, are those that offer an assured placement, preferably with a dream package.

This, coupled with the scarcity of seats, makes a fertile ground for commerce to capitalise on. Coaching for entrance tests now commences from Class 9, if not earlier. Children are often forced to take time off from their studies to focus on admissions. In the process, they are robbed of their ambitions and passions. They are forced to realise the dream that their parents and peers have seen for them and become doctors and engineers – not as much to serve society as to make big money. Dejection on the one hand and persistent peer pressure on the other cause anxiety, depression and even gives birth to suicidal tendencies.

> There is neither a scarcity of seats nor capacity constraints, but a dearth of institutions offering quality engineering education at an affordable cost

Dearth of quality education

But does this mean that India has a severe capacity constraint in engineering and technological higher education? Official data tell otherwise. The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has already approved an adequate number of institutions in engineering and technology to admit at least 23.67 lakh students. That is twice the number of aspirants for engineering education. There is, thus, neither a scarcity of seats nor capacity constraints. The nation is, in fact, staring at a dearth of institutions offering quality engineering education at an affordable cost. In business parlance, that is the ability to deliver value for money.

A quick review of the data reveals that the task is daunting. AICTE has so far approved 5,926 institutions to offer programmes in engineering and technology. Of these only 1,249 (21.07%) came forward to get ranked under the NIRF in 2022. India probably doesn't need more institutions. The scope of enhancing the intake in the existing quality institutions also appears limited. What is needed is improvement in the overall quality of technical higher education across the board.

The youth are aspirational. Monetary rewards are a major attraction. But that does not mean that they are not orientated towards national development. Headline placements serve the purpose of sustaining such motivations. It is now for the nation to mitigate the widening gap between the best and the rest, and ensure equality of opportunity in access to quality technical higher education.

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The AAP's economic challenge in Punjab

Freebies and mounting debt may prove costly for the State and AAP

STATE OF PLAY

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Earlier this month, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Punjab government failed to pay salaries to its employees on time. This led to questions on financial prudence and, specifically, the AAP's pre-poll promises of providing 'freebies'.

The AAP government has completed six months in Punjab. The government began giving 300 units of free electricity to every household from July 1, which is expected to place an additional burden of ₹1,800 crore on the State exchequer. As per the State's annual budget, a total power subsidy bill of ₹15,845 crore has been proposed compared to the ₹13,443 crore in 2021-22. One of the AAP's key pre-poll promises, of giving financial assistance of ₹1,000 to all women aged 18 and above every month, is yet to be implemented. There are close to one crore women voters in Punjab. This means the cost of fulfilling this promise would amount to some ₹12,000 crore per annum.

The salaries of government employees were delayed by a week for August. Usually, government employees receive salaries by the first of every month for the previous month. Sources said a reason for the delay could be that the five-year compensation for States under the GST regime has ended. During the last financial year, Punjab received around ₹15,000 crore in GST compensation from the Centre.

On September 7, soon after government employees warned that they would go on strike if payment of salaries was delayed any further, the Punjab government released about

₹3,400 crore and paid salaries to Class A and Class B employees. Class C and Class D employees were paid the previous day. Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said salaries were delayed as the State was gearing up for the revival of the special drawing facility.

Punjab's 2022-23 budget shows that the effective outstanding debt of the State stood at ₹2.63 lakh crore (45.88% of GSDP). In addition, State agencies, State-level undertakings, boards, and corporations have a debt of close to ₹55,000 crore, of which about ₹22,250 crore has been guaranteed by the State government. A white paper brought out by the current government after coming to power stated that the debt indicators of the State are probably the worst in the country. Mr. Cheema said Punjab was reeling under a financial mess when the AAP came to power, but now the government is doing everything it can to improve the financial health of the State while also fulfilling its promises to the people.

According to the State budget, the government is expecting the State's revenue receipts in 2022-23 to increase by 17.08% compared to 2021-22, contributing ₹95,378 crore to the State exchequer, with new policies, including the excise policy. It also expects a buoyancy of about 27% in GST collections in FY 2022-23 by plugging loopholes in GST collections, which would add some ₹4,350 crore more to the State's kitty. But the State's earnings are proposed at ₹95,378 crore against an expenditure of ₹1,55,860 crore.

Economists say there seems to be no road map to revive the State's economy. "If we take into account all the subsidies and freebies and committed expenditures, debt servicing, the interest payments, free electricity, the free bus service for women (during the Congress regime), etc., it consumes 116% of the budgeted revenue. Last year, the budgeted revenue was ₹95,000 crore and collection was ₹78,000 crore. Even if this government collects ₹95,378 crore, which is next to impossible, subsidies will still consume 116% of the revenue," said Ranjit Singh Ghuman, Professor of eminence (Economics) at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

The government has also refrained from imposing new taxes. In the budget, it has proposed to raise loans to the tune of ₹35,000 crore in the ongoing financial year. The government is meeting the current account expenditure by taking loans; it is repaying loans and interests by taking loans; and also paying for freebies by taking loans. It is clear that Punjab is being pushed deeper and deeper into a debt trap.

Senior government officials asserted that while there is no immediate cause for concern regarding finances, in the long run there is bound to be anxiety given the increasing number of 'freebies' and the debt position of the State. The sixth Punjab Finance Commission report, submitted in March, pointed out that a plethora of election promises will further aggravate the crisis, and impair governance and economic growth. While the debt may not be the AAP's contribution alone, the lack of serious reforms may prove costly for the State and for the AAP.

An attempt to get the Indian Railways back on track

Adding more AC III tier economy class coaches is a step in the right direction

DATA POINT

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The Indian Railways' experiment to introduce AC III tier economy class coaches has started to pay off. Since its introduction, in the last one year, these coaches have earned the Railways more than ₹230 crore in revenue by ferrying around 21 lakh passengers. Fares in AC III tier economy are 6%-7% cheaper than the AC III tier class. The economy class has a capacity of 83 berths compared to 72 in the regular coach.

Only 370 such coaches have been used so far, but with demand picking up, the Railways has planned to add more such coaches. Data suggest that adding more AC III tier economy class coaches is a step in the right direction. In recent years, the operating margin of the Indian Railways has taken a beating. Latest data show that the Railways spends ₹98 to earn ₹100. It has consistently failed to meet the expected revenue internally, and its reliance on extra-budgetary resources such as funds from LIC and market borrowings has significantly increased.

Chart 1 shows the operating ratio (OR) of the Railways in the last 12 years. OR measures the amount spent by the Railways to earn ₹100. Between FY09 and FY16, OR ranged from 90% to 95%. But between FY17 and FY20, it ranged from 96% to 98%. In other words, the Railways was spending ₹98 to earn ₹100.

Chart 2 shows the share of internal revenue, extra budgetary resources and gross budgetary support in the total revenue receipts of the Railways. The share of internal resources in total revenue receipts fell from 79% in FY15 to 53% in FY20, while reliance on extra budgetary resources to raise funds rose from 5% to 26% during the same period.

The AC III tier is the only class of service which has generated consistent profits for the Railways. Between FY16 and FY20, AC III tier coaches carried only 1% of the total passengers, but were responsible for 21% of the earnings from travellers. Such a low-passenger, high-revenue dichotomy was not seen in any other class. On the other hand, a high-passenger, low-revenue dichotomy was seen in the inexpensive classes. For instance, over 90% passengers travelled by second class which accounted for only 37% of the earnings. **Table 3** shows the relevant data for all classes of service.

While the first AC and second AC coaches also ferry a smaller share of passengers, their share in earnings was far lower than AC III tier. While the average rate charged per passenger per kilometre in first AC, second AC and executive AC coaches was higher than AC III tier, their share in total earnings was lower. And so, AC III tier stands out. It is not as expensive as the other AC classes and at the same time, its share in revenue has not been impacted by the relatively low pricing.

Table 3 also shows the class-wise share in passenger kilometres. One passenger kilometre is the equivalent of transporting one passenger over one kilometre.

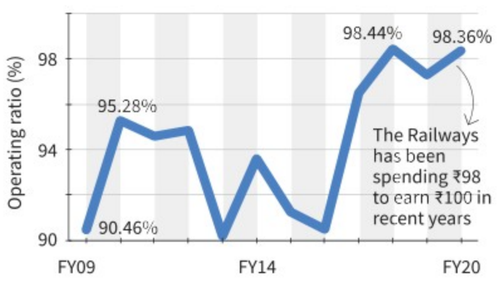
Table 4 further brings out the uniqueness of AC III tier. It shows operational losses (in ₹crore) incurred while operating various classes of service. A negative figure points to losses incurred. For instance, in operating AC first class service, the Railways incurred a loss of ₹403 crore in FY20. In contrast, the Railways made a profit of ₹65 crore by operating AC III tier coaches. The table shows that AC III tier was the only class which made profits in the FY13-FY20 period, while all the other classes except AC chair car posted losses. So, the move to introduce an economy version of AC III tier may help the Indian Railways get back on track.

With inputs from Yuthika Bhargava

A class apart

The charts and tables show how the AC III tier class is unique for various reasons. This is the only class of service which has consistently made profits. The data for charts 1,2 and table 4 were sourced from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The data for table 3 were sourced from the Annual Statistical Statements of Indian Railways

Chart 1 | The chart shows the operating ratio (OR) of the Indian Railways in the past 12 years. OR measures the amount spent by the Railways to earn ₹100



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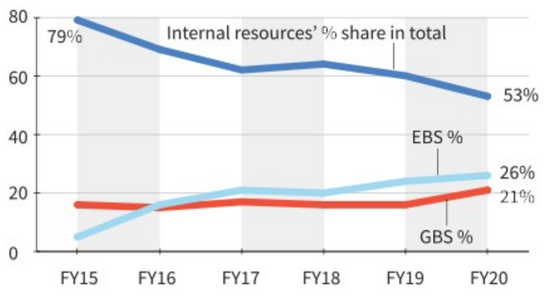

Class of travel	Passenger carried (% share)	Passenger kilometres (% share)	Earnings from passenger (% share)	Avg. rate charged per passenger per km (in paise)
Second class*	90%	63%	37%	25 paise
Sleeper class*	4%	26%	28%	45 paise
First class*	4%	1%	1%	103 paise
AC chair car	0.37%	1%	3%	142 paise
III AC	**1%**	**7%**	**21%**	**127 paise**
II AC	0%	2%	8%	160 paise
Executive class	0.01%	0.05%	0.33%	303 paise
I AC	0.03%	0.16%	1.01%	273 paise

* includes mail and ordinary coaches

Table 3 | The table shows various parameters across all classes of train travel for the FY16-FY20 period. For instance, AC III tier carried only 1% of the passengers but formed 21% of railway earnings from travellers

Table 4 | The table shows the **operational losses in ₹ crore** incurred while operating various classes of service. A negative figure points to losses incurred. AC III tier is the only class which consistently made profits in the FY13 to FY20 period, while all the other classes except AC chair car have been posting losses

Class	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
I AC	-40	-47	-127	-176	-139	-165	-249	-403
First class	-61	-92	-69	-58	-53	-35	-39	-38
II AC	-348	-497	-495	-463	-559	-604	-908	-1378
III AC	**+495**	**+410**	**+881**	**+898**	**+1041**	**+739**	**+318**	**+65**
AC Chair car	-38	-148	-142	-6	+118	+98	+243	-182
Sleeper class	-6852	-8407	-8510	-8301	-9313	-11003	-13012	-16056
Second class	-5167	-7134	-7642	-8570	-10025	-11524	-13214	-14457
Ordinary class	-9783	-11105	-11673	-13238	-14648	-16568	-19124	-20450
EMU	-3365	-4027	-4679	-5125	-5324	-6184	-6754	-6938

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 28, 1972

Durable world peace if elected again

New York, Sept. 27: President Nixon said last night his overtures to China and the Soviet Union had changed the world and he needed another four years in the White House to finish the task of building a durable world peace. The President, elected by a majority of only a few hundred thousand votes in 1968, told 1,500 cheering Republicans at a fund-raising dinner he wanted a massive majority over Democrat George McGovern in November so that he could have an uncontested mandate in foreign and domestic affairs. Speaking at the end of the first day of a three-day campaign swing in New York and California, the country's most populous States, Mr. Nixon suggested that Senator McGovern's proposals – including a slash of more than $30,000 millions in the Defence budget would undo all he had achieved since he entered the White House in 1969. And the President made it clear he was determined to build on the successes of his Moscow Summit last May by seeking peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union even at the risk of alienating Jewish voters demanding action to force the Kremlin to rescind the heavy exit visa fees it had imposed on Russian Jews wanting to emigrate to Israel. Mr. Nixon urged American Jews enraged over Soviet policy not to push him into a confrontation with the Soviet Union. His appeal also appeared to be directed at Senator McGovern, who has endorsed moves in Congress to withhold most-favoured-nation tariff treatment, part of a proposed big trade package from the Soviet Union until the Kremlin permits Russian Jews to leave for Israel without paying the exit visa fee.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 28, 1922

German trade

London, Sept 27: Mr. S.M. Mitra, Indian journalist, writing in the "Daily Telegraph" draws attention to the rapidity of German commercial expansion in India which in the past 10 months has practically driven out Japanese goods from India. He says Hindu Mohomedan and Parsi shops are full of German merchandise and Germany is organising despatch of goods from India by the Younghusband route to Tibet. Mr. Mitra believes a large volume of the trade in India will pass into German hands if British manufacturers do not start an organisation to combat German expansion.

From Page One

Three Gehlot loyalists get notice in Rajasthan

After a meeting at her 10 Janpath Road residence to finalise candidates for the Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh, Ms. Gandhi discussed the issue of the Rajasthan crisis with Congress leaders Ambika Soni and Anand Sharma. Sources said Mr. Gehlot was to speak with the Congress president to clarify his position, but there was no confirmation if the conversation had taken place. *The Hindu* has learnt that the Chief Minister spoke with Mr. Sharma and Sunday's events were discussed.

On a day of fast developments, former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot's arrival in Delhi led to speculation that he could soon meet the party's top leadership. The issue of change of guard in Rajasthan and the Congress's presidential elections are linked as the Gandhi family had informally endorsed Mr. Gehlot as the party's main presidential candidate and had planned to appoint Mr. Pilot as his successor to head the government.

"*Prima facie*, the above charges are an act of grave indiscipline. Therefore, this show-cause notice is being issued seeking your reply within 10 days as to why disciplinary action not be taken against you as per the provisions of the constitution of the Indian National Congress," read the notice issued by general secretary Tariq Anwar, a member of the party's disciplinary committee.

'Let EC decide Shinde's claim on 'real' Shiv Sena'

A "split" from the original political party without a subsequent merger with another party or formation of a new faction is not a defence under the Tenth Schedule since January 1, 2004. But Justice Chandrachud said it was a "bit of a problem" to accept the argument that proceedings before a constitutional authority like the EC should be "stultified" merely for the fact that questions about the disqualification proceedings were referred to a Constitution Bench.

"There is the Symbols Order which contemplates that there could be more than one faction of a political party. Now, the Symbols Order governs a political party. The ambit of the disqualification provisions of the Tenth Schedule is the legislature party. The Speaker, in the course of deciding whether there is a case of disqualification or not, cannot decide which group of persons form the wider political party..." Justice Chandrachud said.

Mr. Rajiv Kumar said the EC would apply the transparent process of the "rule of majority" while taking the decision on the plea of the breakaway faction.

(With inputs from Mahesh Langa in Ahmedabad)

Over 170 PFI activists detained across India

These were based on Intelligence inputs and the information gathered during the first National Investigation Agency-led (NIA) clampdown on 15 States on September 22. During the previous operation, 109 persons were arrested.

On Tuesday, about 25 PFI activists were arrested from different parts of Assam, while 25 were held from Maharashtra's Aurangabad, Thane, Nanded, Parbhani, Malegaon and Amravati. Various wings of the Uttar Pradesh Police took into custody over 55 people following raids in 26 districts. The police in Madhya Pradesh detained 21 people from Bhopal, Ujjain, Indore, Neemuch and other parts of the State; and 10 were detained in Gujarat for questioning.

In Kerala's Palakkad, the police searched the PFI offices and the houses of its leaders and functionaries at Kalmandapam, Chadanamkurissi, BOC Road, and Sanghuvarathodu. The houses of some Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) leaders were also covered. The police in Mananthavady (Kalpetta) seized swords from a tyre shop allegedly belonging to a PFI activist, who is yet to be traced. The Delhi Police detained 30 persons from various places.

Some more detentions were reported from Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada and Udupi.

(With inputs from different bureaus and PTI)

Govt. app to capture data on groundwater

To ensure transparency, the officers assigned for the task have been told to upload the geotagged photographs through the app each time the measurement is done.

The mobile app, the Ministry in a statement said, will work in online and offline modes to ensure that lack of Internet connectivity does not come in the way of the exercise. The regular data from the 'Jaldoots' would be integrated with the database of the National Water Informatics Centre, which can be utilised for analysis and help in conservation efforts. "The State governments and gram panchayats should involve themselves towards systematically collecting groundwater level data and assimilation of the same in the central digital database for analysis. We believe that data generated by this exercise will help us in better planning and give us the right assessment of the problem at hand," Mr. Kulaste said.

Open to all: A screengrab of the live-streaming of the Constitution Bench hearing a challenge to the EWS quota. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In a first, Statute Bench cases beamed live on YouTube

Three Benches heard the EWS quota, Shiv Sena split and All India Bar Examination cases simultaneously, and were led by the CJI, Justice Chandrachud, Justice Kishan Kaul in their courts

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In a first, three separate Constitution Bench proceedings in the Supreme Court were simultaneously beamed live through YouTube on Tuesday. "Statistics show that more than eight lakh viewers watched the proceedings before the three Constitution Benches. Truly, a historic day," the Public Relations Office said in a statement.

The Benches were led by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Sanjay Kishan Kaul, respectively. Justice Chandrachud, who is the chairperson of the court's e-committee and the driving force behind the live-streaming project, said in court that "this is a work in progress".

"This step will go a long way in overcoming the barriers of distance and provide to citizens from every nook and corner of the country an opportunity to watch the court proceedings. Attempts will now be made to live-stream proceedings in all important matters," the statement said. The cases heard included the challenge to the 10% quota for EWS before the CJI's Bench. Justice Chandrachud's Bench heard the dispute between Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction and the Uddhav Thackeray camp over which was the "real" Shiv Sena party. Justice Kaul's Bench heard the challenge to the All India Bar Examination – a post-enrolment exam for lawyers.

A Full Court meeting of apex court judges on September 20 had resolved to live-stream the Constitution Bench hearings from September 27.

Live-streaming has become a reality nearly four years after the court's Swapnil Tripathi judgment of 2018. The judgment had upheld the plea for live-streaming of its proceedings. The court had said live-streaming would "virtually" expand the court beyond the four walls of the courtroom. "Live-streaming of court proceedings has the potential of throwing up an option to the public to witness live court proceedings," the court had said.

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SC reserves verdict on petition against EWS reservation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit on Tuesday reserved for judgment petitions challenging the validity of the 103rd Constitutional Amendment which provides 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions to the economically weaker sections or EWS, but excludes the 'poorest of poor' among Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes from its ambit.

The Bench heard marathon arguments for seven days on the vital issue whether the EWS quota, solely based on economic criterion, violated the basic structure of the Constitution. The petitioner argued that the amendment was contrary to the equality code. The court asked the Centre whether the reservation encroached on the opportunities of merit-based candidates.

The government maintained that the 10% quota was not an addition to the 50% ceiling on reservation. It said the quota was an "independent compartment". The court had questioned whether it would take a piece of the pie from the 50% available to non-reserved or open category who compete purely on the basis of merit. The court had also questioned the exclusion of backward classes.

Dr. Mohan Gopal, in his rejoinder, said this was the first time that being a member of the forward classes was made a pre-requisite for getting government assistance. Advocate Kaleeswaram Raj submitted that fundamental rights are individualistic and the government's justification for excluding SC, ST and OBC on the ground that they already take benefit of the 50% quota does not hold water.

At state funeral in Tokyo, Modi recalls Abe's vision for a free, open Indo-Pacific

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Strengthening the Indo-Pacific region, a concept first articulated by former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, was at the top of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's discussion with Japan's current Prime Minister Fumio Kishida in Tokyo on Tuesday.

Mr. Modi, along with several heads of state and government, attended Mr. Abe's funeral in the Nippon Budokan arena, where Mr. Kishida and his predecessor, Yoshihide Suga, offered emotional tributes to their former leader, who was assassinated in July.

A total of 20,000 policemen were deployed at the ceremony attended by nearly 4,300 people. Security arrangements were stepped up due to recent protests over the Kishida government's decision to accord the former Prime Minister a state funeral, which the Opposition parties called overly expensive and out of step with tradition in Japan which reserves the honour for the royal family. Only once in the past – in 1967 – was a state funeral accorded to a Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Japanese counterpart, Fumio Kishida, at the Akasaka Palace guest house in Tokyo. AP

Mr. Modi offered flowers at the funeral, and later met Mr. Abe's widow, Akie Abe, and offered condolences.

"When I was in Tokyo earlier this year, little did I imagine I would be back for the solemn programme of former PM Abe's state funeral. He was a great leader, a phenomenal individual and someone who believed in India-Japan friendship. He shall live on in the hearts of millions," Mr. Modi tweeted about Mr. Abe, whom he had known for several years, and had last met in May when he had gone to attend a Quad summit.

Among the dignitaries at the funeral were the Prime Ministers of Australia and South Korea, the President of Vietnam and U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who was due to be the only G-7 country leader present, cancelled plans at the last minute due to floods in Canada, and his Industry Minister attended instead.

Apart from the bilateral meeting with Mr. Kishida, Mr. Modi met Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at the Akasaka palace event in the evening.

Bilateral meeting

"Prime Minister [Modi] noted the contributions of late Prime Minister Abe in strengthening India-Japan partnership as well in conceptualising the vision of a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region," said the Ministry of External Affairs in a statement about the bilateral meeting between Mr. Modi and Mr. Kishida on Tuesday morning.

Speaking at the funeral, Mr. Kishida spoke of Mr. Abe's vision of the Indo-Pacific, which he had first outlined in a speech he gave in the Indian Parliament in 2007. "You who advocated 'the confluence of the two seas' deepened that concept further, cultivating it to become the framework of a 'free and open Indo-Pacific' that encompasses many countries and includes massive numbers of people," said Mr. Kishida, who served in Mr. Abe's Cabinet during both his prime ministerial tenures (2006-07 and 2012 tr 2020).

"You not only markedly strengthened our ties with the United States and dramatically reinforced Japan-U.S. deterrence but also enhanced our cooperation with India and Australia to form the Quad framework, based on reasoning you had long promoted."

In a mark of growing tensions with China, the Japanese government hosted a high-power delegation from Taiwan at the state funeral, and included Taiwan's name on the list of floral tributes from various countries read out.

Calcutta HC asks CBI to probe TET exam scam

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the alleged tampering and destruction of OMR answer sheets of candidates who appeared for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) 2014. Over the past few days, the allegations of tampering and destruction of OMR sheets have come to fore.

Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay also directed former West Bengal Board of Primary Education (WBBPE) president Manik Bhattacharya to appear before the CBI on Tuesday. The court said in case Mr. Bhattacharya fails to appear before the CBI, the agency can take him into custody. Meanwhile, Mr. Bhattacharya approached the Supreme Court which gave him a reprieve for a day. Around 20 lakh candidates appeared for the examination in 2014.

Army deploys medium, long-range weapons across northern border

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Since the standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh in May 2020, the Army has deployed its entire range of medium-range artillery guns and long-range rockets in the region to augment its long range fire power as part of the reorientation towards the northern borders. The Army is now in the process of procuring another 100 K9-Vajra howitzers, which has already been approved by the Defence Ministry.

The Regiment of Artillery is also in the process of inducting loitering mutations, while it is also looking at procuring tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). "Induction of Dhanush, K-9 Vajra and M777 Ultra Light Howitzers (ULH) has enhanced reach of artillery firepower. Operationalisation of Pinaka Multi-Rocket Launch System (MRLS) has added punch to long range capability of artillery firepower," a defence source said. The Regiment is celebrating the 196th Gunners Day on September 28.

The K9 Vajra Tank on the Rajpath. R.V. MOORTHY

The source added that in the next five years, majority of these inductions should near completion, barring any slippages in delivery schedules. On this note, the source stressed on the need to upscale the capacities and capabilities of the domestic industry and the need to evolve a "conglomerate or consortium culture".

The Army plans to convert all its artillery regiments to medium range by converting it to 155 mm standard. The process of completing the mediumisation process is likely to be achieved sometime around 2040, the source stated. Further, the Regiment of Artillery is looking at procuring tactical UAVs, unlike the Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAVs operated by the Army Aviation, to enable Observation Post (OP) officers to better direct fire power and also to carry out post strike damage assessment at long ranges.

Ground based surveillance has limitations and so we are looking at mini-UAVs of two types which are capable of vertical take-off and landing, sources explained. These include UAVs capable with range of 15-20 km and and endurance of upto two hours and those with slightly longer range of of 80km with endurance of four hours.

Carl-Gustaf M4 may be produced in India, says Sweden's SAAB

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Swedish defence major SAAB on Tuesday announced plans to manufacture its Carl-Gustaf M4 weapon system in India.

The manufacturing would be done by a new fully SAAB-owned subsidiary, Saab FFV India Pvt. Ltd. "This is the first time, we will be setting up a manufacturing facility for this outside Sweden," said Gorgen Johansson, senior vice president, SAAB, in an interaction with the media. "We will transfer the technology to India. The first product will roll out in 2024," he said.

However, they are yet to receive the government approval for the new venture, Mr. Johansson said, while declining to give details on the volume of investment and the production capacities planned. The location of the new facility is yet to be decided and they will have competition for it, he added.

The Indian Army has already ordered the M4 version, he said in response to a question. Mr. Johansson said the company would first meet requirements of the Indian forces, and later look at exporting the sub systems to Sweden from where they would go into the global supply chain.

The new facility would be partnering with Indian sub-suppliers which will fulfil the 'Make in India' requirements, he stated.

The Army has been using the iconic Carl-Gustaf since 1976 and currently operates the Mk2 and Mk3 versions.

MLA questions Gehlot's leadership capacity

Divya Maderna says the Rajasthan Chief Minister failed to summon the errant legislators to the Congress Legislature Party meet; Sunday events a direct challenge to official party line she says

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Two days after several MLAs boycotted the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting in Rajasthan which was scheduled to be held at Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's residence, party MLA Divya Maderna on Tuesday questioned Mr. Gehlot's leadership capacity considering that he failed to summon the errant legislators to the meeting and expressed his helplessness claiming that things were now beyond his control.

The Osian MLA is the granddaughter of Parasram Maderna – a popular Jat leader who headed the CLP in 1998. Maderna was overlooked to make Mr. Gehlot the Chief Minister.

"Let's believe that he [Mr. Gehlot] didn't know about the brewing rebellion. But at 7 p.m. when he did not find the legislators at his residence where the CLP meet was organised, why didn't he pick the phone and summon them? This definitely raises a question on his leadership capacity," Ms. Maderna told *The Hindu*.

Present tense: Congress MLAs arriving at Rajasthan Speaker C.P. Joshi's residence ahead of the CLP meeting in Jaipur on Sunday. PTI

The agitating MLAs stayed away from the CLP meeting demanding several riders to the one-line resolution empowering Congress president Sonia Gandhi to take the final call on Mr. Gehlot's successor.

Drawing parallel

Drawing a parallel with the events of 1998, Ms. Maderna said, "When a CLP meeting was called in 1998 to pass a similar one-line resolution which enabled the central leadership to anoint Mr. Gehlot, my grandfather gracefully accepted it. He told his supporters not to speak out or even raise an eyebrow against the high command's decision," Ms. Maderna said. She asked why a similar thing was not done on Sunday.

"One-line resolutions empowering the central leaderships were passed not only in 1998 but also in 2008 when the elections were fought on C.P. Joshi's face and again in 2018, when Sachin Pilot was leading the party, if it was good enough then, it should have been good enough now," Ms. Maderna said.

'Worse than July 2020'

She said Sunday's events were a direct challenge to the Congress leadership and therefore they were worse than the events of July 2020 when Mr. Pilot led a rebellion.

"Mr. Pilot's rebellion was against the Chief Minister [Mr. Gehlot] and I won't comment on the reasons. Back then, I was present at the hotel where the CM was camping because that was the official party line. But on Sunday, our own Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal and chief whip Mahesh Joshi challenged the party line by calling a parallel meeting," Ms. Maderna said.

Ms. Maderna said most of the MLAs reached Mr. Dhariwal's house assuming it to be the party's decision to have a meeting before the Congress Legislature Party meet and since then at least 11 MLAs have come out to say that they will stand by whatever the central leadership decides.

'It's up to Sachin Pilot to decide which direction his future takes'

What has happened in Rajasthan is a manifestation of the internal contradictions within the Congress, says BJP State unit chief, adding that his party will wait for the 2023 Assembly election

INTERVIEW

Satish Poonia

Nistula Hebbar

Rajasthan BJP chief Satish Poonia speaks on the political crisis engulfing the State and the party's future course of action.

How do you view the developments in the Rajasthan Congress and the State government?

If you look at the background just before 2018, before the Congress government was formed, Sachin Pilot was the Congress president and Ashok Gehlot was just a senior leader. It was said about Ashok Gehlot that he was a man of 24/7, 365 days a year politics.

At that time there was suspense as to who would be the Chief Minister, and even when Gehlot took the oath, there were slogans in the Raj Bhavan cheering two CMs – Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot. When the Ministry was formed, there were differences, there were fights over allotment of office space in the Secretariat. Then came the July 2020 events, when the Sachin Pilot group openly revolted and the whole government was sequestered in resorts for 50 days.

For four years, the Congress high command did nothing to repair or even address this scatter in their ranks. So what has happened is a manifestation of the internal contradictions within the Congress, and it will not reduce anytime soon.

The party has a government only in two States – Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh – and are unable to handle a big State like Rajasthan. What Bharat Jodo Yatra? They need to get their party together.

I am yet to see more anti-incumbency against a particular government as I have seen against the current government in Rajasthan. The Congress will lose the next poll and I see the party going into terminal decline as well.

Rajasthan has always had a two-party system – the Congress and the BJP. So if you are anticipating a terminal decline for the Congress, who do you anticipate taking its place?

I don't know who will fill the vacuum. When I speak of a terminal decline, I refer to the fact that whenever the Congress goes out of power, it cannot handle it. Also there are too many internal contradictions within their party and the people too are fed up.

What do you think lies in Mr. Pilot's future, and is BJP an alternative?

Politics is like films and cricket, full of possibilities. It is not possible to say what will happen.

As I said earlier, Pilot and his group revolted in 2020, for which we were wrongly accused, and Ashok Gehlot has done so now. They are in that sense equal in terms of offence, their party high command has to decide what punishment to mete out and to whom.

Sachin Pilot will have to decide which direction his future takes.

Are you anticipating early polls?

I can't totally rule this out because the way things have panned out, even if a compromise is reached, whoever the next Chief Minister, with this kind of clash within the party, will have a difficult time running the government to term.

Is the BJP going to take any active steps to form a government in the State?

No. We are very clear, we will wait for 2023 poll. We have a year left and are in preparation for the polls.

Tharoor facing steep challenge from Kerala Congress colleagues

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor apparently faces a steep challenge in winning over Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) colleagues in his bid to win the All India Congress Committee presidential election.

There were early indications on Tuesday that Mr. Tharoor's candidature could cause dissent in the party's State unit. In a Facebook post, an office-bearer accused him of leading an ivory tower existence, far removed from the trials and tribulations of party workers. He charged the MP's office with chronic dysfunction and voter disconnect. "Leadership is an action, not position," he said.

Former KPCC president Mullappally Ramachandran was openly critical of Mr. Tharoor's candidature.

He accused Mr. Tharoor of being politically erratic and, at times, favouring the Left Democratic Front's agenda. Congress veteran T. Sarathchandra Prasad reportedly criticised KPCC president K.Sudhakaran for allegedly calling for a "conscience vote" in the event of Mr. Tharoor's candidature, a position arguably not in variance with the AICC's view. However, Mr. Tharoor's supporters appeared confident that the Gandhi family's *imprimatur* will offset his perceived weaknesses. Mr. Tharoor has claimed the Gandhi family's support.

'Too junior' to be Congress chief, says Baghel

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday called himself "way too junior" to be in the running for the post of All India Congress Committee president, thus playing down any discussion of his name when developments in Rajasthan have triggered fresh speculation.

"Anybody can contest, but I consider myself too small for it. Becoming the national president of the Congress is a big thing, and one needs to have that kind of experience to know and understand national issues and global challenges. As of now, I consider myself way too junior in such matters," he told presspersons.

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> **BHUPESH BAGHEL**
> Chhattisgarh Chief Minister

Pressed further for a response on whether he would shoulder the responsibility if entrusted with it, Mr. Baghel reiterated that he considered himself "junior".

Ashok Gehlot – Mr. Baghel's Rajasthan counterpart and the only other Congress Chief Minister in the country – is likely to contest against former Union Minister Shashi Tharoor for the top post.

However, legislators loyal to Mr. Gehlot have rebelled against the purported move of the Congress high command to appoint Sachin Pilot as his successor for the Rajasthan Chief Minister's post.

Mr. Baghel questioned the "lack of internal democracy" in the BJP when it came to that party's presidential election. It is widely anticipated that BJP president J.P. Nadda, who will complete his three-year tenure in February 2023, will get an extension.

"The whole country knows that the Congress is holding election but in the BJP, elections are over and no one got to know. What kind of a democracy is this? Two individuals [a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah] made [him the party president] and he [Mr. Nadda] got a second tenure... There was no meeting, voting or election date," he said.

Amid protest, AAP moves 'confidence motion' in Punjab Assembly

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Assembly witnessed noisy scenes on Tuesday as the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) moved a confidence motion, even as the Opposition termed 'Operation Lotus' a figment of imagination of the AAP government, created to deflect attention from the real issues concerning people of Punjab.

The MLAs of the Congress, the BJP and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) opposed the move to bring the confidence motion. The two BJP MLAs – Ashwani Sharma and Jangi Lal Mahajan – walked out of the House. The Congress MLAs led by Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa condemned the move, terming it as challenging the authority and power of the Governor. He said it in reference to the Governor's recent denial of permission to convene a special session of the House only for bringing a confidence motion.

After moving the motion, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the Congress and the BJP were two sides of the same coin, adding that the confidence motion had been necessitated as both parties had joined hands to topple the democratically elected government in the State. "BJP is using anti-defection law as a new tool to form governments through back door in the country and unfortunately despite of being its worst victim, the Congress is supporting it," he said.

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INBRIEF

Collegium suggests Dipankar Datta's elevation as SC judge

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended to the government the elevation of the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, Dipankar Datta, as a judge of the court. The resolution was made at a meeting of the Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, on Monday. Justice Datta was elevated as a permanent judge of the Calcutta High Court on June 22, 2006. He became the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court on April 28, 2020. His elevation is the first recommendation made by the Collegium led by Chief Justice Lalit. The Supreme Court's judicial strength is currently 29, including the CJI. The sanctioned strength is 34.

CBI arrests Vijay Nair in Delhi Excise Policy case

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday arrested Vijay Nair, former chief executive officer of Mumbai-based *Only Much Louder*, in connection with the Delhi Excise Policy case. The agency had earlier issued lookout notices against Mr. Nair and seven other private persons accused of irregularities in the Delhi government's now-withdrawn excise policy. The CBI has alleged that irregularities were committed while modifying the Excise Policy, undue favours were extended to licence holders, licence fee was waived or reduced and L-1 licence was extended without the competent authority's approval.

Bench to consider questions of law on demonetisation

A Constitution Bench led by Justice S. Abdul Nazeer will hear on Wednesday a reference to test the legality of a November 8, 2016 notification on the demonetisation of ₹500 and ₹1,000 currency notes and the government's implementation of the policy. The questions of law include whether the RBI notification and the "limited withdrawal" of one's own money were violations of Articles 14 (right to equality), 19 (freedom of speech, trade, occupation, etc.), 21 (fundamental right to protection of life) and 300A (right to property) of the Constitution.

Hearing on Nov. 9 in petition related to Delhi-Centre row

A Constitution Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud on Tuesday agreed to start hearing from November 9 the dispute between the Centre and Delhi government for control over bureaucrats in the Capital. In May, a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice Ramana had referred to a Constitution Bench the limited question concerning 'services' or bureaucracy for an authoritative pronouncement.

The National Capital Territory government had compared its predicament without power over the 'services' like that of a king without a kingdom.

The Centre had argued that Delhi, the nation's capital and a sprawling metropolis, should be under its control.

Jobs grew in final quarter of last fiscal, manufacturing is largest contributor: survey

Estimated employment in nine non-farm sectors rose from 3.14 crore during September-December 2021 to 3.18 crore in January-March 2022, says Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav; marginal increase in participation of women workers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Manufacturing continues to be the largest institutional employer in the country, employing about 38.5% of the workers, according to the fourth round (January-March 2022) of the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES), which is a part of the All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES).

The survey, which was released by Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav here on Tuesday, estimated that around 3.18 crore workers were employed in about 5.31 lakh establishments between January and March. It claimed an increase of about four lakh workers compared with the third round of QES, which was done for the last three months of 2021.

Education, manufacturing, trade and financial services together accounted for 84% of the total estimated units. "Manufacturing sector accounts for the largest percentage (38.5%) of the total number of workers, followed by education sector with 21.7%, IT/BPO sector with 12% and health sector 10.6%," the survey said. Almost 80% of the establishments engaged 10 to 99 workers. About 12% of the establishments reported fewer than 10 workers. Only 1.4% of the establishments surveyed reported at least 500 workers. "Such large establishments were mostly in the IT/ BPO sector and in the health sector," the report said.

The participation of women workers witnessed a marginal increase from 31.6% in the third quarter to 31.8% in the fourth quarter report. However, women workers constituted about 52% of the workforce in the health sector, while the corresponding percentages in education, financial services and IT/ BPO sectors stood at 44%, 41% and 36%, respectively.

"It is noteworthy that in financial services, women far outnumber males among self-employed persons," the report added.

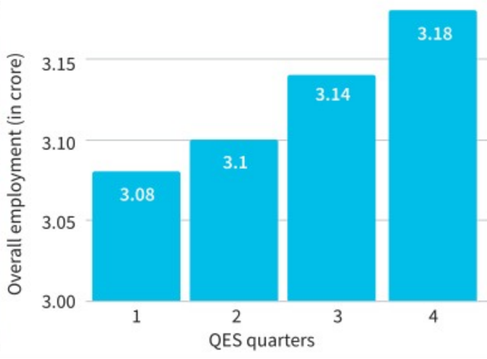
The survey said 86.4% of the workers were regular employees, and 8.7% were contractual employees followed by casual employees (2.3%) and self-employed (2%). "The share of fixed term employees in the establishments was found to be the least (0.7%) over all," the survey said.

Releasing the report, Mr. Yadav said employment was showing an increasing trend and estimated employment rose from 3.14 crore in the third quarter (September-December 2021) to 3.18 crore in the fourth quarter (January-March 2022). "It is important to mention here that the total employment in these nine selected sectors taken collectively was reported as 2.37 crore in the sixth economic census (2013-14)," he said.

The Labour Bureau had taken up AQEES to provide quarterly estimates about employment and related variables of establishments in both organised and unorganised segments of nine sectors – manufacturing, construction, trade, transport, education, health, accommodation and restaurant, IT / BPO and financial services.

Rise in jobs

An estimated total of 3.18 crore workers were found to be engaged in 5.31 lakh establishments during the 4th round (January-March, 2022) of the Quarterly Employment Survey, compared to a total of 3.14 crores in the third quarter



Asha Parekh

Actor Asha Parekh to get Dadasaheb Phalke Award

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2020 will be conferred on veteran Bollywood actor Asha Parekh, the Information and Broadcasting Ministry said on Tuesday.

The award will be presented at the 68th National Film Award ceremony, to be presided over by President Droupadi Murmu, on September 30. Announcing the decision, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said, "I am honoured to announce that the Dadasaheb Phalke selection jury has decided to recognise and award Ms. Parekh for her exemplary lifetime contribution to the Indian cinema." An accomplished Indian classical dancer, Ms. Parekh has also been a director and producer.

Approach to democracy, human rights is country-specific: Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his American counterpart, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, discussed human rights during their bilateral meeting on Tuesday.

The two sides spoke of their commitment to further democracy, governance and human rights, Mr. Jaishankar said. He said each country approached these issues differently.

"Each country approaches the set of issues from their history, tradition and societal context. Our yardstick for judgment are the integrity of the democratic processes, the respect and credibility that they command with the people, and the non-discriminatory delivery of public goods and services," the Minister said at a joint press availability at the State Department.

"India does not believe that the efficacy or indeed the quality of democracy should be decided by vote banks," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that the two sides looked forward to a "healthy exchange" of views.

Mr. Jaishankar had told *The Hindu* in April this year at a press conference following the India-U.S. 2+2 Ministers meeting in Washington DC that people were entitled to have their views on India but that India was equally entitled to views on their views and the "lobbies" and "vote banks" driving those views. Presumably he was referring to some U.S. Members of Congress voicing concerns over human rights in India and pressing the Biden administration on the issue.

Mr. Blinken, in his remarks which preceded Mr. Jaishankar's on Tuesday, said both countries were striving to form " a more perfect union". "This is a project for both of us," he said. "And we must continue to hold ourselves – both of us, as well as our fellow democracies – to our core values, including respect for universal human rights, like freedom of religion and belief and freedom of expression, which makes our democracies stronger."

The human rights comments were a part of discussions on a range of topics, which Mr. Blinken characterised as the two countries talking about how they could advance shared security, economic and geopolitical goals.

Friendly terms: S. Jaishankar speaking during a press conference with Antony Blinken in Washington on Tuesday. AP

Arrival of foreign tourists took big hit in 2021, data show

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

While in 2020, 2.74 million foreign tourists visited India, in 2021, the number was 1.52 million

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions saw foreign tourist arrivals in India dip by 44.5% in 2021. While in 2020, 2.74 million foreign tourists had visited India, in 2021, the number was 1.52 million.

According to the India Tourism Statistics 2022, released here on Tuesday by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar, the arrival of NRIs, however, increased by 52.6% in 2021 compared with 2020.

In 2021, the top 15 countries from which foreign tourists arrived in India included the U.S., the U.K., Bangladesh, Canada, Nepal, Afghanistan and Australia.

These nations accounted for nearly 81% of foreign tourist arrivals in India last year.

The report goes on to say that air travel was the most favoured mode of travel for foreign tourists with 87.5% opting for it.

Interestingly, the number of Indian nationals departing the country saw a rise in 2021 as compared to 2020. In 2021, 8.55 million Indian nationals departed the country as compared with 7.29 million in 2020 – a 7.3% increase.

The UAE was the top destination for Indians in 2021, followed by the U.S., Qatar, Oman and the U.K.

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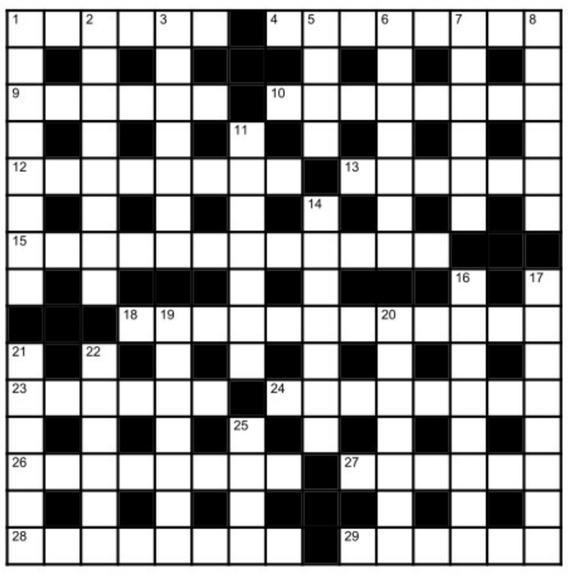

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4 They yield only diesels? Maybe (8)
9 Rejected strong drinks — one lacks guts (6)
10 Avengers used poisonous substance (5,3)
12 Parallel loan arranged In time recording second guarantee (8)
13 Puzzle lacks ingenuity essentially in cryptic meaning (6)
15 Be ruined by space traveller's bombardment wiping out savings and loan (4,2,6)
18 Head-shrinker designed starship city (12)
23 Criminal relative by marriage? On the contrary (6)
24 Move fast to break set point (4,2,2)
26 Parasite bird nibbles carnage regularly (6-2)
27 Horror film's second hard copy is circulated (6)
28 Think highly of some nitre as urea (8)
29 Junkies consume heroin in shows (6)

Down

1 Separate catastrophic accidents killed innocents essentially (8)
2 Syndicates heartlessly take back killers (8)
3 Once upon a time story about Indian achievement (7)
5 Frozen 50% of verdict in review (4)
6 What comes next is happening in silence! (7)
7 Join in battle with the awkward gang supplying drugs from outside (6)
8 Remains to stay in express during pleasure trip (6)
11 I don't know cock ends as bird (7)
14 Surprisingly centurion ignored cues regularly in strike (3,4)
16 Top public house located around untidy place (8)
17 Locates children wearing shoddy clothes on island (7)
19 Perhaps locksmiths have gone through stress regularly (7)
20 Workers are extremely trustworthy, religious and holy persons (7)
21 Formal wear of highest office of the cardinal (3,3)
22 Enactor flawed, right away, right away (2,4)
25 Reckless to die out and exit (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Sarabhanga is blessed

In the very first verse of Aranya Kanda, Valmiki gives a word picture of Rama who strode into the forest with His 'Kothanda' strung in position, and His countenance which was always pleasing as the moon's now reflecting the heat and sternness of the sun. After freeing Viradha from his curse, Rama came to the ashram of sage Sarabhanga, who, like the other realised sages in the forest, saw Him as the very Lord incarnate, as well as a Kshatriya warrior of the Ikshvaku race whose presence would protect the penance of the sages, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse.

As Rama was about to enter Sarabhanga's ashram, they saw a wonderful sight. Indra had come with his chariot and seeing Rama approach the ashram, Indra left the place. When Rama entered the ashram, Sarabhanga told Him about the purpose of Indra's visit, which was to escort him to Brahma Loka as his life on earth was over. He had earned this owing to the merits of his penance. But Sarabhanga had declined Indra's offer since he knew a greater fortune awaited him. What great merit of his could have brought Rama to his ashram at that juncture? For, here stood before him, the Supreme Lord, the granter of the most coveted state of moksha, far greater than all the other worlds such as Brahma Loka.

Seeing Rama, he offered all his merits to Him. By way of blessing he might have given Rama the merits. But by way of seeking the highest goal of moksha, this offer can be seen as an act of renunciation of all karma which automatically leads to salvation. Sarabhanga, being a great yogi, then entered the fire to give up his life in Rama's presence.

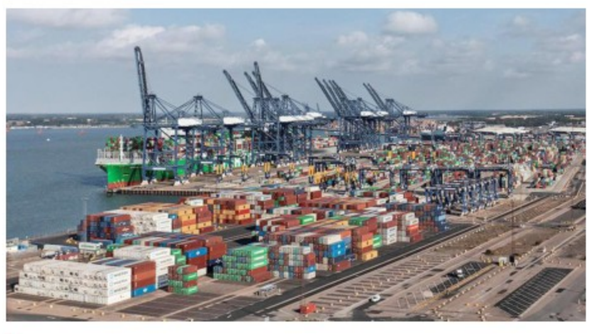
COPENHAGEN

Sabotage suspected after leaks in Russia-Europe gas pipelines

The two Nord Stream gas pipelines linking Russia and Europe have been hit by unexplained leaks, Scandinavian authorities said on Tuesday, raising suspicions of sabotage. The pipelines have been at the centre of geopolitical tensions as Russia cut gas supplies to Europe in suspected retaliation against Western sanctions. AP

LONDON

U.K.'s largest container port hit by yet another workers' strike



Around 1,900 workers at the U.K.'s Felixstowe container port returned to picket lines on Tuesday for an eight-day strike. Workers are demanding a 10% pay rise to match current inflation rates. The walkout coincides with ongoing action at the port of Liverpool – together affecting 60% of the country's container port capacity. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Taliban Deputy Foreign Minister calls for reopening schools for girls

A senior member of the Taliban in Afghanistan called on the country's new rulers to reopen schools for girls beyond the sixth grade, saying there is no valid reason in Islam for the ban. The appeal from Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, the Taliban Deputy Foreign Minister, came during a top Taliban gathering in Kabul. AP

KAOHSIUNG

Era of 'blind' China engagement ending, says Pompeo in Taiwan

Taiwan's Vice-President William Lai, right, bumping elbows with former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Kaohsiung on Tuesday. Mr. Pompeo said the era of "blind engagement" with China is ending, and that Beijing's increasingly aggressive behaviour has brought like-minded nations closer together. AFP

U.S. says relationships with India, Pakistan are distinct

We don't view our ties with Pakistan, and on the other hand, we don't view our relationship with India as in relation to one another, says the State Department

The U.S. statements came in response to India's remarks criticising a recently announced $450 million assistance by Washington to Islamabad for "sustainment and related equipment" for its F-16 fighter jets. REUTERS

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON

The U.S. has said its relationship with India and Pakistan are not in relation to each other when asked about External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's remarks criticising a recently announced $450 million U.S. assistance to Pakistan for "sustainment and related equipment" for its F-16 fighter jets.

"Well, we don't view our relationship with Pakistan, and on the other hand we don't view our relationship with India as in relation to one another," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price said at a press briefing on Monday.

"These are both partners of ours with different points of emphasis in each, and we look to both as partners because we do have in many cases shared values, we do have in many cases shared interests," he said, adding the relationship with each country stood on its own. The U.S. also does everything it can to see that the India-Pakistan relationship is as "constructive" as possible, Mr. Price said. "You're not fooling anybody by saying these things," Mr. Jaishankar had said about the F-16 assistance package being given to Pakistan ostensibly for counter-terrorism reasons. The Minister said this during Sunday's remarks at a diaspora event in Washington DC. He had also said the U.S.-Pakistan relationship was serving neither Pakistan, nor the U.S. India has repeatedly raised its objections to the U.S. assistance package for the F-16s.

Also on Monday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with his Pakistani counterpart, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. The focus of their bilateral talks was 75 years of the U.S.-Pakistan relationship and U.S. assistance to Pakistan for flood relief and reconstruction. However, India was also discussed, as per Mr. Blinken.

Antony Blinken asks Pakistan to engage China on some issues of debt relief and restructure

'Responsible ties'

In remarks delivered after their meeting, Mr. Blinken said he and Mr. Bhutto Zardari "talked about the importance of managing a responsible relationship with India". The Pakistan Foreign Minister did not allude to this in his remarks. Mr. Blinken said he had also asked Pakistan "to engage China on some of the important issues of debt relief and restructure so that Pakistan can more quickly recover from the floods".

They also discussed commitments to democracy and upholding freedom or religion and belief , Mr. Blinken said. "We continue to work closely on counter-terrorism issues," Mr. Blinken said., adding the U.S. and Pakistan have a "shared stake" in Afghanistan's future. "We've had our differences; that's no secret," he said.

However, Pakistan and the U.S. shared a common objective, as per Mr. Blinken, of a stable, peaceful future for Afghanistan and "for those across the broader region". The Secretary said the two countries would work together to support the human rights of Afghans , particularly women and girls.

Iran protest death toll tops 75 as govt. doubles down

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

More than 75 people have died in Iran's crackdown on 11 nights of unrest sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini, a rights group said, as Western nations pile pressure on the Islamic republic to end the violence.

The Iranian authorities' official death toll has remained at 41 since Saturday, including several members of the security forces.

Protesters took to the streets again on Monday night, as they have every night since Amini's death on September 16 following her arrest for allegedly breaching the country's strict rules on hijab headscarves, witnesses said.

Xi calls for 'confidence and unity' ahead of key Congress

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's President Xi Jinping on Tuesday called for "historical confidence" and "unity" as he led senior Communist Party officials on a tour of a new exhibition in the capital highlighting "breakthroughs and landmark achievements" of the past decade of his rule.

Mr. Xi's visit to the exhibition was his first public appearance since returning from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Uzbekistan.

Mr. Xi had similarly avoided public engagements after returning from a visit to Hong Kong in July in keeping with China's travel rules and "zero-COVID" policy that require arrivals to quarantine and isolate for a period of 10 days.

Xi Jinping

Leading a group of leaders, including members of the Politburo and Central Military Commission on a tour of an exhibition "on the great achievements of the Party and the country over the past decade", Mr. Xi called for "concerted efforts to forge ahead determinedly toward a new victory of socialism with Chinese characteristics", the country's official *Xinhua* news agency said.

"We should widely publicise the strategic initiatives, transformative practices, breakthroughs and landmark achievements over the past 10 years," he said, "so as to inspire the whole Party and the people of all ethnic groups to strengthen their historical confidence, enhance their historical initiative... and move forward with determination and unity."

The exhibition highlights poverty reduction campaigns, the pandemic response, as well as military modernisation of the past decade. Mr. Xi is expected to begin an unprecedented third-term following a twice-a-decade National Congress of the Communist Party that will convene on October 16.

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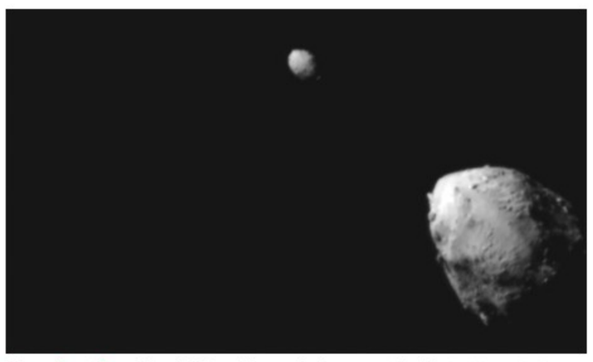

New frontier: The $325-million mission was the first attempt to shift the position of an asteroid. REUTERS

Bam! NASA spacecraft crashes into asteroid

Associated Press
CAPE CANAVERAL

A NASA spacecraft rammed an asteroid at blistering speed on Monday in an unprecedented dress rehearsal for the day a killer rock menaces Earth.

The galactic slam occurred at a harmless asteroid 11.3 million km away, with the spacecraft named Dart plowing into the space rock at 22,500 kmph. Scientists expected the impact to carve out a crater, hurl streams of rocks and dirt into space and, most importantly, alter the asteroid's orbit.

It will take as long as a couple of months to determine how much the asteroid's path was changed.

The $325 million mission was the first attempt to shift the position of an asteroid in space.

Launched last November, the vending machine-size Dart – short for Double Asteroid Redirection Test – navigated to its target using new technology developed by Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory.

The anticipated orbital shift of 1% might not sound like much, scientists noted. But they stressed it would amount to a significant change over years.

Russia's proxies claim victory in annexation elections in Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Kremlin-installed authorities were already claiming victory on Tuesday in annexation votes in Ukrainian regions under Russian control, as Moscow warned it could use nuclear weapons to defend the territories.

Ukraine and its allies have denounced the so-called referendums as a sham and said the West would never recognise the results of the ballots that have dramatically ratcheted up the stakes of Russia's seven-month invasion.

"It's already clear that the vast majority of people supported the issue of secession from Ukraine and joining Russia," Vladimir Saldo, the Moscow-appointed head of the Russian-held Kherson region, said on social media.

Election officials in Moscow said voters casting their ballots in Russia had overwhelmingly backed annexation, while authorities in Kherson and another Russian-occupied region, Zaporizhzhia, showed an initial 87% and 92% backing for the move.

"Saving people in the territories where this referendum is taking place... is the focus of the attention of our entire society and of the entire country," Russian President Vladimir Putin said earlier during a televised meeting with officials.

'Radical' implications

His spokesman Dmitry Peskov meanwhile said the votes would have "radical" legal implications and that the so-called referendums "will also have consequences for security", referring to Moscow's threats to use nuclear weapons to defend its territory.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba however doubled down on Kyiv's promise to push out Russian forces from its country, saying the votes "would not have any influence" on the battlefield.

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02	Manager (Accounts)	A	01	Rs.42,000 - 72,500	01	—	G.M (W)
03	Asst. Works Manager	C	01	Rs.20,900 -51,400	01	—	Cat-II (B) (O)
04	Senior Chemist	C	01	Rs.20,900 – 51,400	—	01	S.C (W)

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Sd/- Managing Director

INBRIEF

Centre promotes IOB's ED Srivastava as MD and CEO

The Centre on Tuesday promoted Ajay Kumar Srivastava, the present Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), as the public sector lender's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of three years with effect from January 1, 2023. Further, the Centre has reappointed Mr. Srivastava as ED for a period beyond his currently notified term which expires on October 8, until he assumes charge as MD and CEO, IOB said in a regulatory filing.

E-com platforms clocked sales of $3.5 bn in 4 days: Redseer

E-commerce platforms clocked sales worth $3.5 billion for the first four days (September 22 to 25) of festival sales, contributing to 60% of the projected GMV (gross merchandise value) of $5.9 billion for the whole first wave of festival sales, according to Redseer Strategy Consultants. The first wave of festive sales comprises Flipkart's Big Billion Days, Amazon's Great Indian Festival, Meesho's Mega Blockbuster Sale, besides sales on other platforms such as Myntra, Ajio, and Nykaa.

Torrent to acquire Curatio Healthcare for ₹2,000 crore

Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd. will buy 100% of Curatio Healthcare (I) Pvt. Ltd. for ₹2,000 crore to strengthen its presence in the fast-growing dermatology segment.

The consideration includes ₹115 crore in cash and cash equivalents in the acquired business, indicating an enterprise value of ₹1,885 crore, Torrent Pharma said in a release. Curatio has operations in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Philippines. Curatio, which posted a revenue of ₹224 crore for FY22, has a portfolio of more than 50 brands in the cosmetic-dermatology segment.

Moody's sees Quad lifting India's trade, investment flows

Rating firm flags country's 'relatively protectionist' approach, regulatory and infrastructure constraints as key determinants of extent of gains

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Trade winds: Moody's sees the Quad continuing to drive long-term supply-chain shifts toward Southeast Asia and India. PTI

India's membership of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue will help it tap greater trade and investment flows as economic ties deepen among members seeking to cut their reliance on China, but India's protectionist stance and 'weak' business climate could constrain these gains, Moody's Investors Service said on Tuesday.

"India is poised to become a growing destination market for goods from the other Quad countries, including commodities, machinery and chemicals," the rating agency said in a note on geopolitical risks stemming from the Quad alliance. "The U.S. and Japan will continue to be major sources of foreign direct investment (FDI) to India in services, telecommunications and software, while Australia's presence will grow as a result of a free-trade agreement with India," it added.

Trade and investment gains would accrue to India, Moody's observed, adding that regulatory and infrastructure constraints, however, remained. The magnitude of the trade flow shifts would also depend on improvements in India's business climate and the level of investment attractiveness, which 'remained weak' compared with that of other Asia Pacific and Quad economies.

"India also stands out as a relatively protectionist market... reflected in its high weighted average import tariff," Moody's said.

Still, as economies diversify production of critical products and technologies, the Quad would continue to drive some long-term supply-chain shifts toward Southeast Asia and India, it forecast.

"These shifts may include greater Australian exports of commodities including copper, energy and agricultural goods to these economies. Financial services companies in the U.S., Japan and Australia will benefit from the shifts, which will also support India's industrial and capital market development."

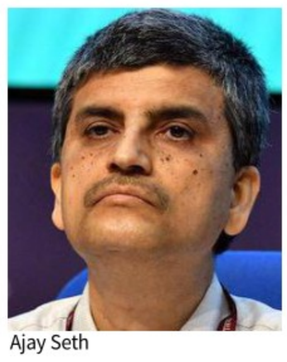
India stood to benefit from Quad-related supply chain shifts by raising trade with member economies and diversifying sources of imports, Moody's said.

"For India, the costs of pivoting from China toward Quad members as priority markets for trade growth will be relatively low, given that only a small share of its exports currently go to China. As reflected in its reluctance to join the RCEP trade agreement, India is keen to reduce its dependence on imports from China while expanding its market access to Australia, Japan and the U.S.," Moody's said.

"A lack of cohesion between Quad members... exemplified by India opting out of the" IPEF trade pillar, may also hurt its ability to find common strategic ground, the firm averred.

Seth allays concerns over forex reserves

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI



Ajay Seth

Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth on Tuesday dismissed concerns over depletion of forex reserves as "overblown" and said India had fairly large reserves to tide over the current situation.

Foreign exchange reserves were down for a seventh continuous week, dropping to $545.65 billion on September 16.

The reserves, which have been dipping as the central bank continued to deploy the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressure caused by global developments, had declined by $2.23 billion to $550.87 billion in the previous week.

"There has been a depletion as inflows have come down and trade deficit is higher... I don't see this as a concern, India has fairly large reserves to tide over this situation," Mr. Seth said.

After closing at a a record low at 81.67 against the dollar on Monday, the rupee recovered to 81.53 on Tuesday.

Taxation is now more equitable, says FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Focus must be on those who can bear the burden rather than taxing items that affect everybody

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asserted on Tuesday that India's direct tax collections are now on par with or slightly higher than the indirect tax revenues, bringing in equity in taxation so that it focusses more on those who can bear the burden rather than taxing small items of daily use that affect everybody. Noting that direct tax collections were sustaining momentum, the Minister recalled that in 2020 and 2021, observers had flagged concerns about the principles of taxation in the economy. "There were questions on how indirect taxes were contributing a lot more than direct taxes."

Acknowledging the 'broad principle' for equitable taxation is more direct taxes rather than 'disproportionately more' indirect taxes, she said that situation had persisted only for a few months.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	57,108	-0.06
US Dollar	81.53	0.17
Gold	49,580	-0.41
Brent oil	86.38	1.32

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	844.20	-19.20
Apollo Hosp	4242.95	-39.75
Asian Paints	3470.65	32.60
Axis Bank	737.50	-5.10
Bajaj Auto	3541.90	-32.60
Bajaj Finserv	1679.55	2.75
Bajaj Finance	7242.85	-16.65
Bharti Airtel	760.60	5.55
BPCL	310.65	5.75
Britannia Ind	3824.15	36.65
Cipla	1098.70	33.05
Coal India	213.90	-1.60
Divis Lab	3680.20	10.20
Dr Reddys Lab	4181.60	53.75
Eicher Motors	3570.55	55.00
Grasim Ind	1682.50	17.05
HCL Tech	918.75	12.05
HDFC	2289.15	-20.50
HDFC Bank	1413.85	-12.80
HDFC Life	520.85	-1.90
Hero MotoCorp	2638.25	-83.10
Hindalco	373.60	0.20
Hind Unilever	2679.25	18.70
ICICI Bank	852.55	-8.50
IndusInd Bank	1165.10	15.50
Infosys	1393.55	13.30
ITC	334.85	2.25
JSW Steel	637.00	-9.15
Kotak Bank	1799.30	-29.70
L&T	1841.20	-10.25
M&M	1235.75	-0.65
Maruti Suzuki	8774.05	-60.90
NestleIndia	18672.65	219.35
NTPC	159.00	0.40
ONGC	124.45	1.00
PowerGrid Corp	204.85	4.00
Reliance Ind	2396.25	18.90
SBI Life	1242.30	-17.50
State Bank	536.50	-6.80
Shree Cement	21163.25	414.75
Sun Pharma	897.15	-3.55
TataConsumerProduct	797.85	17.00
Tata Motors	398.80	1.30
Tata Steel	97.65	-2.20
TCS	3017.45	23.05
Tech Mahindra	1022.50	-10.40
Titan	2600.35	-55.15
UltraTech Cement	6192.85	15.75
UPL	677.70	-2.20
Wipro	398.40	3.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.38	81.70
Euro	78.40	78.71
British Pound	87.99	88.34
Japanese Yen (100)	56.40	56.63
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	82.46	82.79
Singapore Dollar	56.68	56.91
Canadian Dollar	59.47	59.71
Malaysian Ringitt	17.64	17.73
Australian Dollar	52.84	53.06

Source:Indian Bank

Sport

No place for Karun Nair in Mushtaq Ali squad

CRICKET

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Karun Nair.K. MURALI KUMAR

Batter Karun Nair has been dropped from the probables list of the Karnataka team for the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy (SMAT).

The experienced Karun has endured a poor run of form in the last four seasons. Karun, a regular fixture in the Karnataka side for nearly a decade now, showed some signs of regaining his touch with a couple of good knocks in the Ranji Trophy and SMAT last season. The overall picture, however, was less than satisfactory.

Karnataka senior men's chairman of selectors Fazal Khaleel stated that the time is right to give young talent a chance. "Yes, Karun has been dropped for this tournament. I feel for Karun, as he has been a regular member of the Karnataka team for many years now. However, it is time to move on and try out youngsters," Khaleel told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

Khaleel added that the door is not completely shut on Karun. "Karun is out of the T20 team, but there are two other formats (one-day and Ranji Trophy) to come. This is not the end of the road for him,"

Khaleel stated that the likes of young batters L.R. Chethan and Rohan Patil have the talent to make a mark in the senior State team.

"This is the right time to see if young talent like Chethan and Rohan can deliver. We are in a transition phase, and our goal is to take Karnataka back to the glory years," Khaleel said.

The probables: Mayank Agarwal, Devdutt Padikkal, L.R. Chethan, Rohan Patil, Manish Pandey, Abhinav Manohar, R. Smaran, Luvnith Sisodia, B.R. Sharath, Nihal Ullal, K.Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal, Rishi Bopanna, Ritesh Bhatkal, J. Suchith, Shubhang Hegde, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak, Vidyadhar Patil, M. Venkatesh, Aditya Goyal, Manoj Bhandage, Vidwath Kaverappa, Nikin Jose, K.C. Cariappa; **coach:** P.V. Shashikanth.

Bengaluru to host National Open athletics from Oct. 15

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru is set to host the National Open athletics championship for the first time in nearly three decades. The 61st edition of the championship will be held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here from October 15 to 19.

Thirty contingents from States and institutions like Indian Railways, LIOC and ONGC will compete in this championship. Around 1,200 athletes will be seen in action in 47 events.

"This championship will be held just after the National Games, as all the athletes will be at their peak. The competition will be strong, given that the best athletes from States and institutions will compete here," Athletics Federation of India vice-president Anju Bobby George said at a press conference here on Tuesday.

The top performers at this championship will be rewarded with spots in National camps.

Competition director Satyanarayana said the championship was originally scheduled to be held at Jamshedpur.

"The championship was moved to Bengaluru at the request of the Karnataka Athletics Association, as this was a great opportunity to use the newly laid synthetic track."

Italy advances, England and Germany play out a draw

Associated Press
LONDON

Looking to regain respect after failing to qualify for a second straight World Cup, Italy advanced to next year's finals tournament in the Nations League by winning at Hungary 2-0 thanks to goals by Giacomo Raspadori and Federico Dimarco on Monday.

England and Germany were involved in a 3-3 draw at Wembley Stadium, where all the goals were scored in the second half.

Important results:
League A: Group 3: England 3 (Shaw 72, Mount 75, Kane 83-pen) drew with Germany 3 (Gundogan 52-pen, Havertz 67, 87); Hungary 0 lost to Italy 2 (Raspadori 27, Dimarco 52).

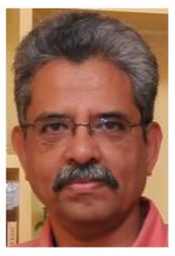
Roots FC posts win in BDFA Super Division league

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Roots FC defeated ADE 2-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Tuesday.

The results: Roots FC 2 (A. Varsha 48, S. Ahmed 61) bt ADE FC 0; FC Bengaluru United 3 (Irfan Yadwad 5, Jairo Rodrigues 39, Shajan Franklin 51) bt Kodagu FC 0; Kickstart FC 4 (Prashanth Kalinga 27, Princewill Emeka 39, 43, Abhisheh Shanker 71) bt Bangalore Independents 3 (Sathish Kumar 17, Minkale Sylla 48, Raja Ganapathy 57).

When the flesh is willing and able, but the spirit can be confusing



BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

In sport, what is legal is not necessarily considered moral, and what is admirable not necessarily worthy of emulation.

At Lord's, Deepti Sharma ran out England's Charlie Dean at the non-striker's end for backing up too far, an act that came to be known as 'mankading' (after Vinoo Mankad; when the Indian allrounder ran out Bill Brown thus in 1947-48, rival captain Don Bradman had no issues with it).

Then in the Duleep Trophy final, West Zone skipper Ajinkya Rahane sent teammate Yashasvi Jaiswal off the field briefly for sledging the South batsmen. There are good reasons for applauding Rahane's action, but should it become regular practice, and why was a substitute allowed?

Set of tricks

Every sport has a set of tricks. You can get away with some without causing comment, but be marked when you indulge in others. Not walking despite knowing you are out is accepted (but with the Decision Review System not so much of an issue now).

In the old days, Geoff Boycott, when hit on the back foot and thus a leg before candidate would sometimes rub a spot high on his front leg to throw the umpire.

The motto seemed to be: it is up to the umpire to get it right, the player's job is to confuse him. The professional foul in football or basketball is a ploy to gain time, space or break the opposition's rhythm, and although frowned upon is accepted as a part of the give-and-take of sport.

Sledging has developed into an art form; yet, all noise ends as the bowler approaches – this rule is adhered to religiously. There is a thus-far-and-no-further element to sledging.

Sports are ruled as much by convention as by laws. There are on-field penalties if the latter are breached, but the penalties if you breach the former are usually delivered off field. Despite the MCC (custodians of cricket's laws) promptly asserting that Sharma's act was legal, there will continue to be discomfort.

It is not so much about the implication of the act – which took some of the gloss away from the final game of one of the greats, Jhulan Goswami – but the act itself.

One side argues that what Sharma did was expressly allowed by the laws and that is all there is to it. The other side (usually with a higher average age) says the spirit is on a par with the law if not occupying a higher chair.

The former argue that winning is everything, a philosophy that drives society as a whole, so why should cricket be different?

Fantasy

We put into sport our passions because it is a way of rescuing it from its essential meaninglessness. Cricket cannot be a mere reflection of society but must aspire higher. It is fantasy, and in a fantasy we must aim for the ideal. That is why we inject cricket with such moral purpose.

Indians warned the batter and told the umpires, Sharma says, but England's Heather Knight says this didn't happen.

A writer in *Cricinfo* has worked out that Dean had taken significant starts before the ball was delivered on 72 previous occasions, and was finally run out the 73rd time.

One sharp practice being cancelled out by another might suggest justice has been served, but such things come down to individual choice. Some players have suggested that there should be no gap between what is legal and what belongs to the spirit, but it is in this gap that character is revealed.

It would be interesting to know how Indian supporters would have reacted had the roles been reversed and had England pulled off a similar runout.

Unusual measure

Rahane's response to sledging was unusual. He played a lot of his international cricket in an Indian team that was uber-aggressive and sledged the opposition, a practice that clearly made him uncomfortable. When he captained in the last series in Australia which India won, there was a marked cooling down of emotions.

Youngsters tend to believe that they have to hone their sledging skills to fit into modern cricket's ethos. Those who are misfits in the sledging department are often under pressure to keep at it.

Even a gentle fast bowler like Jasprit Bumrah indulged in England last year. It is down to the captain. If he encourages, or indeed demands it, then the team obliges.

Jaiswal has probably learnt his lesson, but I can't help thinking that Rahane, a man of subtlety and finesse might have handled this transgression without embarrassing a colleague publicly. Perhaps he tried and failed. Still, would a senior player have been told off thus?

Jaiswal is just 20, and might carry the scar of the public reprimand at a time when he is in the running for higher honours. His 265 in the second innings has brought him that much closer too.

CHESS

Charvi and Shubhi crowned World champions; Safin claims bronze

A. Charvi (girls' under-8) and Shubhi Gupta (girls' under-12) became World champions in the FIDE World cadets chess championship held in Batumi, Georgia, on Tuesday. India's third medal came in the Open (under-8) section where Safarullakhan Safin claimed the bronze medal.

FOOTBALL

Bellerin calf issue adds to Barcelona's injury worries

Barcelona's injury problems worsened after defender Hector Bellerin suffered a calf problem during training on Tuesday. The club said in a statement that it would examine the injury on Wednesday, with Bellerin potentially joining several other players on the sidelines.

MOTORSPORTS

Chinese driver Zhou extends contract with Alfa Romeo

Zhou Guanyu has extended his contract with Alfa Romeo until the end of 2023, the Formula One team announced on Tuesday. The first driver from China to drive in Formula One, Zhou, 23, competed in 16 Grand Prix in his debut season with his best result an eighth place in Canada. He is currently 17th in the world championship standings.

CRICKET

Harmanpreet moves up to fifth in ICC women's ODI rankings

Riding on her stupendous show against England, India captain Harmanpreet Kaur on Tuesday jumped four spots to go fifth in the ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings. Harmanpreet smashed a match-winning 143 not out off 111 deliveries against England in the second match in Canterbury. India won the series 3-0.

India, South Africa begin final dress rehearsal for T20 WC

The three-match series offers one last opportunityfor the teams to iron out flaws, try something different and for the stars to get their acts right; Men in Blue will bank on their batting might to start the series on a winning note

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The opening show is just a fortnight away. So both India and South Africa would be particularly keen to put in their best efforts in the final dress rehearsal.

The three-match T20I series, which gets underway at the Greenfield Stadium here on Wednesday, offers one last opportunity for the teams to iron out the flaws, try something different and for the stars to get their act together before the T20 World Cup begins in Australia with the group stage fixtures on October 16. India's first World Cup match is scheduled for October 23 - versus Pakistan - while South Africa starts its campaign the following day.

A fine show in this series will work wonders for either team. Both have landed in this city -- known for its lovely beaches, rich cultural heritage and traditional as well as colonial architecture - in a confident frame of mind, having won their last respective series.

Thiruvananthapuram has a strong cricketing tradition, too, and a full house is expected for the match. The fans have plenty to look forward to, with both teams boasting quite a few showstoppers.

The South Africans would be desperate to stop the flow of runs - which are being scored not just with brute power but with plenty of flair as well - from India's top- and middle-order. Few things have brought as much joy to the Indian supporters in recent times as Virat Kohli's return to form.

Skipper Rohit Sharma also seems to be in good touch after the match-winning, unbeaten 20-ball 46 against Australia in the eight-over shootout at Nagpur.

Then, of course, there is the man of the moment - Suryakumar Yadav – who is rapidly growing in stature. It would be interesting to see if he carries on from his superb 36-ball 69 that helped India bounce back to win the series against Australia after losing the first game.

After the victory, much needed after the disappointment at the Asia Cup and weeks before the World Cup, Rohit had spoken about the concern the team had about its death bowling.

Aggressor: India will hope Suryakumar continues to reap rich rewards with his belligerent approach. R.V. MOORTHY

He must be hoping for better performances from the pacers, but should be happy with the way left-arm spinner Axar Patel delivered against the Aussies.

It would be interesting to see how the South African batting, with the likes of Quinton de Kock, David Miller and skipper Temba Bavuma, handles Axar.

As for bowling, the visitors have come armed with a formidable pace battery: Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Marco Jansen and Wayne Parnell.

An exciting series beckons.

The teams (from):

India:

Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Jasprit Bumrah, Shreyas Iyer, Shahbaz Ahmed and Umesh Yadav.

South Africa:

Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Rilee Rossouw, Tabraiz Shamsi and Tristan Stubbs.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

'We are looking to fill up whatever gap that is there'

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

As the final pit stop before the T20 World Cup, the South African captain Temba Bavuma reckons the white ball series against India starting at the Greenfield stadium on Wednesday will help his side to fill up gaps and give much needed game time to his players.

Bavuma expects the series to be competitive and that India will challenge South Africa in all aspects of the game like in the previous series. "We expect the series to be competitive. Obviously we are looking at this series to fill up whatever gap that is there. We got guys who will be playing a lot of games and we will need to manage those guys' intensities and there are guys who need some cricket under their belt. We would like to give them that opportunity. It is our last preparation. Different conditions but game time is most important," he said.

Bavuma said it was a good that South Africa was playing a near full strength Indian team and expected captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to lead from the front. "Those are big names and we expect them to lead from the front. It is good for us to be coming up against their best," he said.

Temba Bavuma. FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

Scope for improvement

Indian batting coach Vikram Rathore said the final final eleven will depend on the conditions and added that the team has been shaping up well and there was still scope for more improvement in all departments. "We have been putting up par or above par totals since the T20 World Cup and our batting approach has definitely changed. I won't be harsh on our bowlers who have pushed the match into final overs and they were expensive because of the dew factor. But it is one area in which we are working on," he said.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs South Africa: 1st T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.

Pakistan vs England: 5th T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Vaishali shares sixth spot with three others

Sports Bureau

R. Vaishali lost to former World champion Aleksandra Kosteniuk in 36 moves to remain on four points after nine rounds of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix chess tournament in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Tuesday.

Russian Kateryna Lagno (7 points) leads the 12-player round-robin league. Vaishali is sharing the sixth spot with three others.

Vietnam outplays India in friendly

Press Trust of India
HO CHI MINH CITY

India suffered a 3-0 loss at the hands of Vietnam in the second and final match of the Hung Thinh Friendly Football Tournament here on Tuesday. Phan Van Duc (10th), Nguyen Van Toan (49th) and Nguyen Van Quyet (70th) scored.

Gavaskar presented with SJFI medal

Special honour: Gavaskar and Shastri were given SJFI life membership at a function in Thiruvananthapuram. S. MAHINSHA

Sports Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar was presented with SJFI medal, the highest award of Sports Journalist Federation of India (SJFI), at a function held here on Tuesday.

Gavaskar and former India captain Ravi Shastri were also given honorary life membership of SJFI at the function attended by BCCI vice-president Jayesh George, former BCCI secretary S.K. Nair and SJFI office-bearers.

In his acceptance speech, Sunil Gavaskar said at the start of his career there was considerable trust factor between the players and the media. "There was a trust factor. There were people in the media we could talk to and who wanted us to do well. A mention in the media was a big thing for budding players then," he said.

Gavaskar said the wide publicity he got in the media for doing well for All-India University team during the Sri Lankan tour paved way for his selection to the West Indian tour in 1971.

Ravi Shastri said it was through the media that the world came to know of his record of six sixes in an over.

India-A completes sweep against New Zealand-A with convincing win

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

India-A completed a sweep of the one-day series against New Zealand-A with a commanding 106-run win in the third and final match at the M.A Chidambaram Stadium here on Tuesday.

Electing to bat, the host posted 284 after skipper Sanju Samson (54) and Tilak Varma (50) set the platform with patient half-centuries before Shardul Thakur gave the final flourish with a quickfire 51 (33b, 4x4, 3x6).

New Zealand-A's chase was guided by opener Dane Cleaver who made a valiant 83 (89b, 9x4, 2x6) but lacked support from the other end as wickets kept falling at regular intervals.

Cleaver looked aggressive from the start and found a handful of boundaries in the PowerPlay as he added 52 for the opening wicket with Chad Bowes. After Bowes was dismissed by Rahul Chahar, none of the other batters were able to stick around with Cleaver and the visitors were bowled out for 178.

Taking charge: Tilak played some attractive strokes on his way to a half-century. K. PICHUMANI

For India, young pacer Raj Bawa starred with a sensational four-wicket haul (4/11), including three of the last four as he cleaned up the tail in style.

Earlier, India-A started strongly, thanks to Abhimanyu Easwaran's breezy 39 (35b, 8X4). The right-handed batter went after Matt Fisher, hitting the pacer for three boundaries in one over through the off-side, with the bowler giving him width to free his hands. Abhimanyu hit Fisher for two more boundaries before he was caught behind trying to cut one over point.

Tilak started positively with a six down the ground off the second ball he faced, but played within himself after that as he and Samson shunned any risks. With his eye in, Samson then went after the attack with a couple of sixes.

At the other end, the left-handed Tilak took on left-arm spinner Rachin Ravindra for two sixes, one down the ground and another over mid-wicket on his way to a half-century.

After the hosts lost four quick wickets, Shardul took charge of the innings with some attractive stroke-play. He slammed pacer Logan Van Beek for two sixes and a boundary in one over to help the home team finish strongly.

The scores: India-A 284 in 49.3 overs (Sanju Samson 54, Shardul Thakur 51, Tilak Varma 50) bt New Zealand-A 178 in 38.3 overs (Dane Cleaver 83, Raj Bawa 4/11).

Plan for me was to stick to the basics and it worked: Bawa

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Raj Bawa came to the limelight with his match-winning performance in the ICC Under-19 World Cup earlier this year in West Indies. His efforts of five for 31 helped India beat England to clinch the title and he also was adjudged the player of the match.

On Tuesday, his tight lines for India-A stifled the New Zealand-A batting attack as he finished with impressive figures of four for 11 to help India-A clinch the series 3-0.

Keeping it simple

Speaking after the match, Bawa spoke about the experience of playing at a higher level and learning from the likes of Shardul Thakur and keeping it simple.

"It was a great experience playing in the India-A side. The difference is not much. We think it is different and try doing different things but the plan that worked for me was to stick to the basics and it worked," said the 19-year-old all-rounder.

Raj Bawa. FILE PHOTO

On his interaction with fellow all-rounder Thakur on how to work on his skills, Bawa said, "He (Thakur) told me with the batting, it is about being in touch, so do it regularly in the nets. But with bowling, it is important to maintain balance, you do not want to over-bowl or under-bowl in training and to do it based on the workload."

The all-rounder from Punjab also said he benefited from working at the MRF Pace foundation under Glenn McGrath where the Aussie legend made minor changes to his loading and run-up.

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